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Land by Bethel FD eyed as site for veterans' memorial

By MICHAEL DANIELS

The Bethel Board of Selectmen has given unanimous concept approval to siting the long-discussed Bethel Veterans' Monument between the north end of the Bethel common and the Bethel Fire Station, on the plot of grass to the right (looking down from the common) of the Fire Station driveway.

The conceptual plan was presented to the board at its regular meeting Monday evening, by members of the Veterans' Monument Committee.

The plan included renderings by engineer Jim Sysko.

Committee Chair Richard Grover said the proposal has been a long time coming.

"We've talked for several years about having a veterans' monument in the Bethel area, but somehow it just never got off the ground," Grover told the selectmen. "But finally, last August, I made a commitment to make an attempt to bring the idea to fruition."

The group had its first meeting in August, he said, and designated five committees, the first of which was site-selection.

"And, basically, that's where we are now," he told the board.

He said the committee's prime criterion when it came to site selection was to be sure the monument was in the village, "rather than over at Davis Park or someplace out of town."

Sites that were ruled out included the lot adjacent to the

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Police: Teens killed in crash had been at party

AP/Sun Media Wire

Four young people were returning to an underage drinking party in West Paris early last Saturday morning at the time of a car crash that killed two of them, according to law enforcement officials.

State troopers say the driver, Kristina Lowe, 18, of West Paris, had been drinking and was texting when her car went off the road, became airborne and struck some trees on Route 219 in West Paris.

Passengers Rebecca Mason, 18, of West Paris, a sophomore at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, and Logan Dam, 19, of Norway, a former Oxford Hills School District student, were killed when the 2002 Subaru Impreza they were in went out of control and crashed on its roof.

A fourth passenger, Jacob Skaff of Paris, was treated and released at Stephens Memorial Hospital.

Lowe was seriously injured and was taken to Maine Medical Center in Portland.

Texting while driving has been illegal in Maine since September. Maine has a zero-tolerance policy for alcohol consumption for drivers under 21.

'Over the ice a mile a minute. Whee! There's the sport!'



Phil Smith (rear) drives his 1914 Aero-Sled on Lake Christopher Tuesday. His passenger was Bill Green of WCSH-6 TV, who came to Bryant Pond to do a report on the sled for "Bill Green's Maine." (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Lake Christopher's the flight deck for 1914 ice sled

By ALISON ALOISIO

Mother Nature has not been kind to winter-sport recreationists of late.

But for Phil Smith of Bryant Pond, the conditions have been perfect to try out his 1914 Aero-Sled, a gasoline-powered ice sled.

A century-old newspaper advertisement for the sled led with the headline above the photo here, and bragged "Racing down the wind like a bird-a-wing, cheeks glowing, nostrils dilating, every nerve tense with the thrill of this newest, most exhilarating outdoor sport - Aero-Sledding."

Smith has owned his two-person sled since 1979, when he spotted it in a stable in Ardmore, Pa.

He was working with a crew there to move the belongings of a 92-year-old woman.

"I got it from her for the \$22.50 in my pocket, working for free to clean out the stable, and a promise I would ride in it," said Smith.

The sled had belonged to the woman's grandfather, who

the sled to deliver mail under weather conditions unsuitable for the plane, she said.

The wooden propeller that drove the sled, said Smith,

was made by the same company that built the airplane prop-

ers there vowed to fix it. That didn't happen, and eventually the sled disappeared for about nine months. Smith was able to track it down.

Finally, with the 100th anniversary of the sled approach-

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and a promise I would ride in it.'**

PHIL SMITH

operated it on Lake Placid, N.Y. She told Smith she had a ride in it as a little girl during World War I.

She also told the story that the sled was so fast that it beat out a Sopwith-Camel mail plane over the lake, according to Smith.

The pilot then asked to use

peller for Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis.

But Smith didn't get around to making the sled operable right away. Over the years he moved it from storage place to storage place. It sat on a friend's woodpile in pieces for a time, then at the Lewiston-Auburn airport, while work-

ing and his friends encouraging him, Smith decided it was time. With the help of a mechanic who got the magneto generator to operate dependably, Smith was able to get the five-horsepower, two-stroke engine running. Spark plugs were the only new parts required.

On Jan. 2 Smith and friend John Clukey took the Aero-Sled out onto the glare ice of Lake Christopher for a test run.

The sled moved, said Clukey.

"I was scared, and I don't scare easily," he said.

Smith said the sled was traveling more than 60 miles an hour.

There is no throttle. The speed is controlled by adjusting the timing and the fuel mixture, said Smith. A steering wheel guides the front blade, and the sled brakes (sort of) by digging two metal rods into the ice.

Smith took the sled back out on Lake Christopher Tuesday. The speeds were much slower, however, because an inch of snow had fallen and adhered to the ice.

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THS students dig into a century-plus of history

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I like this old stuff," said Telstar High School student Adam Literak Saturday, as he looked through boxes at the Bethel Historical Society.

Literak was one of a half dozen THS students who volunteered their time to help the society move 35 years' worth of collection items out of the storage room at the Moses Mason House.

It's part of a plan to renovate the second-floor room. The overhaul will include the installation of heating and cooling equipment to improve climate control on that floor of the 1813 building.

As part of the project, hundreds of 19th and early 20th-century items were temporarily relocated downstairs to

the exhibit hall. Among them:

an air-raid sand pail, a picnic box with real plates and silverware, a heartside popcorn popper, a Victrola phonograph, photos, signs and dresses.

There they will be examined, cleaned, photographed and re-catalogued into a recently-upgraded computer database. When the storage room is ready, they will be returned.

The effort, said Executive Director Randy Bennett, "is the largest collections-management project in BHS history."

The students who helped Saturday learned a little history along the way. Even the method they used to move the items had a lesson.

Beginning at the storage room and stretching down the

stairs and around the corner to the exhibit room, the students stood in a line and handed objects from person to person.

"It's like a bucket brigade from the old days," said Charlie Raymond, dean of students at THS.

A member of the BHS Board of Trustees, Raymond helped coordinate the moving project with BHS.

The picnic box and Victrola were among the most popular items with the students.

So taken were they with the Victrola - which they cranked over and over while they played several old records - that progress ground to a halt as the teens all stood around marvelling at the old player.

As the turntable wound down

playing "In the Shade of the Old Appletree" and the music slowed, they laughed.

Several old typewriters were particularly fascinating to Literak, an exchange student from the Czech Republic. Every time one of the old machines was unearthed, the volunteers called out to him to come and look at it.

The moving project took about three hours to complete.

Work on the storage room renovation is scheduled to begin by the second week in February, said Bennett, and should take less than a month. "It will likely be ready for us to use as an addition to the research library (work area and climate controlled storage) by

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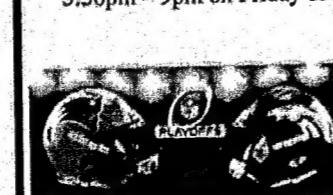
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Letters

NEED BOARD VOTE NOW ON AES

To the Editor:

Have you heard what the SAD 44 school board is doing about the Andover Elementary School this year? No? Well, neither have I, and neither has anyone else.

It costs a lot more to keep operating AES than it would cost to bus those few elementary students to Crescent Park. The question is, who (if anyone) should pay this extra money? Last year, a super-majority of the school board decided that SAD 44 should no longer pay that added cost and voted to close AES. This let the town of Andover choose between its paying \$214,600 to keep AES open for a year or seeing AES closed for good. To the surprise of many, the town of Andover opted to pay the \$214,600 for this one year and AES remains open.

But here comes the quirky part of Maine state law — only if the school board votes each year to close AES does SAD 44 not get burned. After each such vote, Andover can then choose to pay the extra money to keep AES open, which seems fair. Alternatively, Andover can choose not to pay the extra money, thus closing AES for good, which also seems fair. But if, while AES is still open, the school board neglects to vote to close AES, then AES stays open automatically and SAD 44 has to pay the extra money.

Honest, I'm not making this up — I watched Dr. Murphy explain all of this to the school board last year. The school board needs to vote again to close the Andover Elementary School, and the sooner the better.

Scott Hynek
Bethel

GOOD SOUP STIRRING

To the Editor:

Sometimes unintended consequences can be a good thing. My letter to The Citizen two weeks ago resulted in last week's detailed explanation by my friend Marcel Polak of the positive results of work by the Woodstock Conservation Commission and another great letter and phone call from my friend Landon Fiske, a member of the Bethel Conservation Commission telling me of the many long-lasting benefits that will occur from its actions.

I now know that in my first letter I failed to emphasize the important distinction between a commission that works with "public" lands and one that works with "private" lands. I should have done more research.

Both the Woodstock and Bethel commissions are doing a great job charting a course for the "public" lands in their towns, and I urge people to support these groups.

However, as it was written, the Newry Conservation Commission ordinance, if enacted, could have impacted "private" property rights. That was why it caused such an outcry at the Newry Town Meeting and why I wrote the letter that I did.

My friend Steve Wight said he wanted to keep "stirring the pot" when he left his selectmen post in Newry.

Looks like my letter stirred the pot in the opposite direction, but I think good soup will be the result of all this stirring. These ongoing conversations will find common ground.

Jim Sysko
Newry

COMPELLED TO RESPOND

To the Editor:

I was a member of the unenlightened mob present at the recent Newry special town meeting. As such I am compelled to respond to comments made in this space last week.

The vote on the construction permits, in my opinion, was a vote for the least intrusive local government possible. It seems that most citizens present felt that a ten-year revaluation was a simple and effective way to achieve this. If the goal of the town of Newry is not more tax revenue, perhaps the selectboard members should refrain from speaking about "leaving money on the table" in recent weeks regarding both wind-power and construction permits.

As an aside, I personally would like to thank our homeowners from away who have chosen to build in our town. It could be argued that they are paying more than their "fair share."

Now to the conservation commission. Another vote for less intrusive local government. It is said repeatedly that none of these commissions have the power or the intent to institute new ordinances/regulations/restrictions. This seems misleading. Are we to suppose that a rollback of current ordinances or regulations is their goal. More personal freedom or less, you decide.

Mr. Polak suggests that the Woodstock commission's preferred method is to work in cooperation with private landowners. I wonder if that fails what plan B and C are. Mr. Polak mentions a free market solution of "purchasing important lands." Are we to believe that the town of Woodstock is going to use taxpayer dollars to purchase land, remove said land from tax rolls, and prevent development?

In my mind, every new ordinance/regulation/restriction is an erosion of our personal freedom. Without robust protections of private property rights, we become less free as a people.

The citizens who voted at the Newry special town meeting heard a wise voice ask if less freedom was the right direction or the wrong direction. I am proud to be a member of the overwhelming majority that said with authority, "No, this is the wrong direction."

Rob James
Newry

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ENVISION ERROL WITHOUT THE REFUGE

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to your story of Dec. 22 and Bob Lord's passionate letter of response (Dec. 30) regarding the Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. First thing I'd like to say is that I appreciate Mr. Lord's energy and dedication to his home town, though I disagree with some of his premises and conclusions. Still, working within and for one's own community is an old value, the renewal of which would benefit America. In fact, such community values and passion, where both the environment and the economy kept in mind would have likely avoided the needs for federal protection of land anywhere.

I do not speak for Paul Casey nor the Refuge. (This is not Mr. Casey's refuge, by the way. It was created years before Mr. Casey was ever a part of it. It belongs to all Americans, many of whom would reflect that Errol residents are lucky to have its benefits out their back doors.) I cannot even comment on how Mr. Casey handles things there with local residents. I can only speak as one who supported the creation of this refuge nearly two decades ago, while I was still a resident of New Hampshire and then Wentworth Location, Maine.

And I can comment on the cost-benefit analysis, and would like Mr. Lord and the local leaders he refers to, to pause a moment and recognize the positives. The timber companies, no longer allowed to harvest down to the waterline and taxed more highly for that storefront property were selling off lakeshore building sites elsewhere in New Hampshire and Maine.

As I recall there were 72 minimum-sized lots flagged and up for sale on less than half the shoreline of Big Island alone. The New Hampshire Forest Society stepped in at the last minute with a land trade to protect the island from overdevelopment and the lake from over-trafficking. The rest of the shoreline was in danger of similar development, and Errol and even the state of New Hampshire had not the resources to purchase the land or easements for protection.

Imagine if those shoreline sites had all been sold to the folks from Down Below who could afford them. All you need to do is to look at some of the situations south of the notches.

Umbagog and Errol would be quite different today. Umbagog would have lost its precious semi-pristine character, now being ringed with summer and year-round homes, each with its dock and power launch, jet ski, airboat, you name it.

And along with that would disappear the local folks' experience of fishing, hunting without being hassled, boating, berry picking in a wilder peace. In town, the newcomers would have begun to demand the amenities they were used to in their primary or former home areas: Straighten and widen the roads, pave and plow more, put in traffic lights, expand the school(s), hire a larger police force (largely to enforce the "NO HUNTING NO TRESPASSING KEEP OUT" signs ringing all the private property), purchase and run and pave and expand the airport, develop and then police more ATV and snowmobile trails through the woods, and expand the town hall so they could participate in Errol's decisions.

All of which steals the character of small town Errol and burdens its budget. Taxes go up. Locals are priced out of town. It's a common pattern. Just look at lakefront development and the loss of farmlands south of the notches.

Further, I believe that there are several local economic benefits from the presence of a national wildlife refuge. Would L.L. Cote have expanded so much without the new tourist interest and focus on Errol as the entry to a new and resplendent national refuge? I believe that it was no coincidence that Errol's first chamber of commerce arose during the refuge creation, and was represented by Fran Coffin at the refuge dedication.

A lot of Errol, back then at least, wished to keep the town's character and the pristine lake experience as well as to make a living. The trade-offs inherent in unlimited development were (and I believe still are) too great, including pushing out many of the townsfolk who could not afford the eventual increase in taxes.

I don't prefer federal intervention, either. I wish it hadn't been necessary. But the major landowners were selling off land, and they themselves were being bought up by western and European companies who didn't give a hoot about Errol or the lake. I hate to think what Umbagog would look like and how Errol would feel now, had the shoreline gone up for sale in small but highly expensive lots.

I like the idea of a citizens' advisory board or some parallel strategy to work with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, rather than against it. It would be my suggestion, after 35 years of working for conservation in various places across the continent, for Mr. Lord and local and state leaders to spend their time and money and passion to make that happen.

Do not get caught up in the current overuse of the pejorative, "socialism." Conservation of special areas has, in many examples I have seen, turned out to be a treasure chest for those looking for a natural respite as well as for the locals nearby who can facilitate that while protecting the natural resource. Here lies sustainability of both ecology and economy. The formation of this refuge was not due to a federal lust for land; it was an opportunity our only opportunity to protect a beautiful, productive, and quiet place and its neighboring town from the true monstrosity of unmitigated over development with money and attitudes from Down Below and all the displeasure that it brings.

In closing, I would ask Mr. Lord to consider that the refuge's protection of a wilder Lake Umbagog will offer his five-year-old granddaughter an escape to a more pristine and timeless and less disturbed piece of northern New Hampshire and the real world, precious as that is. I wonder whether his granddaughter, when she's decades older, won't be happier with a beautiful northern lake in her memories of childhood, and which she can share with her own grandkids.

With great respect for all, and still a love for Umbagog, Errol, and my former and long-time surroundings,

Jeff Fair
Palmer, Alaska

NEED TO STAY SMART

To the Editor:

Interesting that government intrusion, valuation, and "property rights," have become topical concurrently in The Citizen. It would be convenient to dismiss the heat and smoke on these and related issues as our community merely going through an "awkward phase," simple growing pains. But not now; not in this political climate.

The reason for not dismissing it is because the playing field is being tilted unfairly in favor of the moneyed and/or vociferous few and against unaware home and property owners. It is either lack of awareness or just plain disingenuous when claims of "government intrusion" are made when our duly elected or appointed public servants act to enforce established guidelines, code and law intended to protect our health, safety and quality of life. We debated and voted on it, and we should guide it as part of daily life in community.

The recent asphalt issue is instructive, where the concerns for and impact on our community were being dismissed by a petitioner without due public consideration. Thanks to the energies of well-informed citizens, the community was made aware of the threat to our quality of life and economic well being. It was found that a similar operation near Augusta was depressing local property values and causing an unbearable odor nuisance.

To allow that to happen in Bethel would severely impact our local businesses and community, so utterly dependent on our unique Quality Of Place.

Fortunately, our diligent Planning Board was up to the task of illuminating the topic and deciding in our favor. Not all communities are so fortunate, due to political influence, or lack of skills or fortitude.

As citizens we must maintain awareness of our shared goals and values and protect them. We've got to stay smart on the basics of civic processes so that we don't lose our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, both here in Bethel and in the larger arena.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 53

The First Years: Do You See Many Wild Animals, Many Birds?

One fall the larder was low; we were a bit out of pocket. B.B. came in with a hunting license. I've just decided," he said, "that it's all foolishness not to get a deer."

"What would we do with so much meat without a deep-freeze?"

"No problem, there's really very little good meat on a deer anyway. What we can't eat we can put in glass jars and lower into the well; it will keep a month or so. The poorer cuts we can make into mincemeat."

It was a cool day. Already I could smell the spices from a bubbling kettle on the back of the stove. It would be a good way to get rid of the beet wine that we did not like; anything could be tossed into mincemeat and improve the flavor.

A week later at the end of a long rainy spell, I paused at the west barn door to sniff the air, laden with odors of wet ground and sodden leaves but fresh and invigorating. I saw a big six-point buck gleaning under the Northern Spy tree. I admired him a bit, then dumped my dishful. Just as I was about to whack it on the side of the pit to completely empty it, I remembered B.B.'s plan, looked up guiltily, expecting the buck to be gone, but he was calmly munching apples. The wind must be from the west; he did not smell me. I crept back into the house, shutting no doors behind me to make any undue sounds.

"Must you leave all the doors open in cold weather?" said B.B.

"Sigh," warned I, "there's a big six-point buck under the Northern Spy tree. It might be a chance for you to get some meat."

B.B. took his gun and went out. He could close doors without making any noise, and did. I waited and listened. No gunshots. I was still clutching the empty dish when B.B. came back. "I forgot," I apologized. "I probably scared him away."

"Oh, no, he's still there but he looked at me so proudly and confidently that I thought it would be most unsporting to shoot him when he was at such a disadvantage."

Nothing more was ever said. We saw many deer about the place, but we did not make mincemeat till five years later when a friend brought us a neck and shoulder. We did not see the deer during winter but knew they were here. We saw where they had come into clearings, where wood had been cut, to browse and once I found their winter yard. It was halfway up the mountain, a deep bowl of snow packed down firmly, droppings all about and also bobcat tracks.

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Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: About nine inches of snow fell creating good skiing both on and off the slopes.

More than 100 elementary school children in SAD 44 were participating in the new Mahoosuc Kids Association after-school program.

The Bethel Outing Club and Crescent Park School teamed up to offer an afternoon cross-country ski program for students.

Deaths: Caroline D. Logan, Perdita Huston, Helena V. Bartlett, Pauline B. Tibbets.

20 years ago: Jerry Gieling and Amy Bonati opened the Upton Trading Post.

Jen Bailey broke Tracy Higgins' 1987 record of 625 points to become Telstar High School's all-time leading girls' basketball scorer with 640 career points.

About 150 Bancroft Construction employees, family and friends enjoyed a day of barbecuing, ice skating, picnicking and snowmobiling at North Pond, Greenwood.

Births: Sawyer Regan Barber, Shyanne Lee Day, Anthony Thomas Desmarais, Kaitlynne May Gibson, Christina Elise Morin.

Deaths: John G. Capponi, Tena C. Morgan, Donald H. Rugg.

30 years ago: Fire destroyed the home of Ricky and Melissa Osgood and baby daughter, on Route 232 in Bryant Pond.

Mellen Kimball escaped injury when his van overturned on the Greenwood road.

Deaths: Mrs. Eleanor Gordon Keniston, Delmar E. Morgan, Mrs. Agnes R. Gurney.

40 years ago: Cheryl Ann Douglass left for the Philippines Islands where she was to be stationed at Clark Air Base.

Maine Governor Kenneth M. Curtis appointed Michael J. O'Donnell to the office of Oxford County Attorney.

Deaths: Mrs. Blanche H. Staples, Felix F. Corriveau, Mrs. Susan E. Cummings.

50 years ago: Work on the new overpass project was continuing in spite of zero weather at times. Forms for the concrete at the new Mill Brook bridge were being erected.

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Letters**NEED TO STAY SMART****To the Editor:**

"Oh, say can you see?" — that the query posed by the first words of our National Anthem, is just as relevant to this country's present day conflicts as they were in the era when they were first written. When in a supposedly Democratic society, minute by minute potentially oppressive elements strive to dominate, suppress, disfranchise, and exploit the remaining masses for their own monetary benefits, it is often passed off as being just a case of excessive greed. When in response to this greediness, the indignant masses rise up in opposition to being exploited, it is referred to by the oppressors as being class warfare and un-American.

"By the dawns early light," it seems, that it is beginning to dawn on the enlightened collective multitudes of this nation, that they can no longer be complacent and cast a blind eye to the rampant polarization of prosperity that is intentionally being orchestrated by and for the benefit of the now well-defined and identified so called Top One Percent.

"Oh say can you see," that the contention by the prevailing Republican hierarchy and the now prevalent Tea Party, that the working and middle-class citizens of this nation would somehow benefit from smaller government, is an assertion wrought with the potential for devastatingly negative implications. In the reality it is the absence of governmental restraint that has allowed a gluttonous fraternity of monetary monarchs to blossom and flourish as the top one percent of this nation's economic spectrum, at the expense of the remaining ninety-nine percent.

"By the dawns early light," the collective average citizenry of this country has finally awakened to the fact that the corporate interests of this nation, has a pervasive influence on the governing structure, that they do not have. That is an army of highly paid lobbyists, armed with the wherewithal to offer lavish gratuities and campaign contributions in return for efforts that are favorable to their best interest, regardless of how detrimental it is to the middle income and working class citizenry of the nation.

"Oh say can you see," that it has now become obvious that the Occupy Wall Street movement, is the only, non-monetary mechanism available to the collective average citizenry to get the attention of, and acquire an audience with those in Washington, who are supposedly orchestrating and administering a government by the consent of the majority of those governed. This organized movement may prove to be one of the most potent restraining influences to keep the top one percent from achieving a complete polarization of prosperity and gaining absolute dominion over the remaining ninety-nine percent.

*Don Chase
Bethel*

OPEN HOUSE AT 'THE EDDY'**To the Editor:**

"The Eddy, a home school away from home, opened its doors behind the Bear River Trading Post in Newry on Sept. 6, 2011, with an enrollment of seven students, grades 5 through 8. We are learning and laughing and loving what we do. And we are excited to open our doors to the community for an Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 4 to 7 p.m. Come see what we do and what a beautiful building was created. (An Admission Open House will be scheduled at a later date.)

None of this would have been possible without the help of the many people who donated time, money, ideas, encouragement, and more to this project. As Director and Lead Teacher of The Eddy, I want to thank all of you. We would not be where we are without the huge outpouring of support we received. A special thanks to my husband, Doug Webster, general contractor of the huge construction project this summer and number-one supporter of what I am doing. Along with Doug there are many names I want to mention. Please forgive me for not listing them all. It does not lessen my gratitude.

Thank you to Rob Kates, Howard and Laurie Bailey, Don Bennett, Dave Bennett, Mike Bennett, Scott Berry, C&C Insulation, Freeman Corriveau, Jim Cowgill, Kathleen Devore, Dave and Deb Doyle, Mike Field, the Kjellman family, Peter and Laura Koch, Bud and Lynne Kulik, Richard Lausier, Brian Laverdiere, Dick Morton, Phil and Mandy Ottone, Mike Pivernas, Ryder Scott, Jim Sysko, Drew and Judy Webster, and David Webster. Please stop by on Jan. 17 to see what all of these wonderful people helped to create.

*Deb Webster
Director, The Eddy*

Briefly**Meeting on East Andover P.O.**

ANDOVER—The US Postal Service has scheduled a community meeting Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall regarding the study for closure of the East Andover Post Office.

Newry town office news

NEWRY—The Newry Town Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 in honor of Martin Luther King Day. There is currently an opening for an alternate position on the Newry Planning Board. Any resident interested is asked to call 824-3123.

Man charged in domestic incidents

BETHEL—A Bethel man was accused last week of holding a gun to a woman's head and not allowing her to call 911. Brian Piawlock, 53, of the East Bethel Road was charged with domestic assault, obstructing the report of a crime, criminal restraint, aggravated assault, criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon, illegal possession of a firearm by a felon and violation of condition of release, according to police records. On the night of Jan. 3, OCSD Deputy Matthew Noyes responded to a complaint of domestic violence. According to Noyes' affidavit, the woman said Piawlock wouldn't let her leave the residence. She said he disconnected the phone when she tried to dial 911. Piawlock was arrested and charged with domestic assault, obstructing report of a crime and criminal restraint. He bailed after posting \$1,000, according to Noyes' report. The next day, Noyes received an anonymous tip that the woman hadn't told the whole story. Later, the woman said Piawlock had threatened her with a shotgun and hit her with the butt of the gun, the affidavit said. Noyes found Piawlock at the woman's residence, which he had been ordered not to return to. He said Piawlock denied the incident with the shotgun, or that he owned one. Noyes arrested Piawlock last Wednesday on charges related to new claims of violence as well as Piawlock's violation of bail conditions. Piawlock was released on bail Friday, according to jail officials.

Sex offender charged with abuse

PARIS—A Bethel sex offender charged with abusing a teen girl appeared in Oxford County Superior Court on Friday. Christopher Lee Sheldon, 27, of Bethel faces two felony charges of sexual abuse of a minor. His bail was set at \$500 cash or a supervised release through Maine Pretrial Services. Rumford police Detective Sgt. James Bernard charged Sheldon last Thursday, after investigating a claim by a teenage girl that she had been involved with Sheldon sexually since she was 15. Sheldon was convicted of unlawful sexual contact in Androscoggin County Superior Court in 2005, according to the Maine Sex Offender Registry. If bailed, Sheldon must not have contact with females under 16 years old.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT
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Newry, Maine

(Mortgage recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds,
Book 3619, Page 46)

By virtue of and in execution of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Order of Sale dated September 20, 2011 and entered on the docket in the Oxford County Superior Court on September 20, 2011 in an action captioned Northeast Bank v. HJH Corporation d/b/a The Trolley House, Thomas H. Hills and Judith L. Hills, et al., Docket No. RE-1-28 for the foreclosure of a Mortgage and Security Agreement, dated November 2, 2004 and recorded in the Oxford County Registry of Deeds in Book 3619, Page 46 (the "Mortgage"), sold judgment having been entered and the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period having elapsed without redemption, notice is hereby given that there will be sold at a public sale of the premises described in the Mortgage located at Use Period IV, Unit 233 at Jordan Grand at Sunday River, Newry, Maine (the "Property").

TERMS OF SALE: The Property will be sold at auction beginning at 10:00 a.m. on January 31, 2012 at the offices of Lambert Coffin, 477 Congress Street, 14th Floor, Portland, Maine. All bidders will be required to deposit \$2,500.00 to bid, in cash or certified U.S. funds made payable to Northeast Bank in order to register to bid (the "Deposit"). The Deposit shall be increased to ten percent (10%) of the purchase price within five calendar days after the conclusion of the auction, but such increased amount shall not be less than \$2,500.00. The Property shall be sold to the highest bidder, who must leave the Deposit as a non-refundable down payment. The highest bidder shall also be required to sign a Purchase and Sale Agreement calling for a closing within 45 days, at which time the balance of the bid price will be due immediately in available U.S. funds, and NEB, the foreclosing mortgagee, will deliver a duly executed Quitclaim Deed Without Covenant and Release Bill of Sale, if applicable, conveying the property. The Property shall be conveyed subject to all matters set forth in the Purchase and Sale Agreement and the additional terms of sale which will be available prior to the auction. Additional terms may also be announced at the time of the auction. NEB, the foreclosing mortgagee, and its assigns, reserve the right to bid without making the required deposit and, if NEB, or its assigns, is the high bidder, to pay for the Property with a credit against the debt owed to it.

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Monument

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Civil War Monument on Main Street, which they attempted unsuccessfully to get, he said; and the common itself, which they viewed as inappropriate busy with other types of activities.

Their plan does, however, include moving the flagpole on the common from where it is now to the monument, where it would serve as a focal point.

Sysko explained: "The idea here is to have the flagpole in the center focus, and make the monument fit the land."

Between the end by the common to the fire station, the lot slopes five or six feet down, but Sysko said he did not see that as a problem.

"Some people suggested: 'Well can't we level it up?' and I think that would be the worst thing we could do. I think we fit the site to the land and to the slope."

"It's not very steep, so I think pathways through there would have no issues with walking on, no issues with grade."

"The challenge we have, he said, is to recognize people from these different conflicts, so I wanted to come up with a monument that would give equal status to every one of the conflicts - pretty hard."

The system he came up with, Sysko said, involves three large stones along the perimeter of a hexagonal center of focus.

Names

"The other challenge, of course," Sysko said, "is all the people who have to be on the monument."

"The point is to recognize

Sled

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He plans to continue work on the sled, sharpening the blades and otherwise tuning it up. If glare ice conditions return, he'll head out for another try at higher speeds.

How fast does he think it can go?

"It'll go until you chicken out," he said.

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**The Way I See It**

by Sharon Bouchard

Another year has been added to the history books. Like everyone else, I just don't know where the year went. I don't even remember what happened for most of 2011.

It seems to me there were several new technology gadgets that showed up on the market in 2011. I didn't pay too much attention because I don't understand any of that stuff. I even had a difficult time shopping for my grandsons for Christmas. They wanted this video game or that electronic gizmo and I couldn't even figure them out.

I don't know what a PDA, MP3 or an I-Pod do, so advancements in those products are of no interest to me. I don't have a cell phone so I don't care if you can take pictures, do text messaging, play video games or interact with your computer. I don't know how to interact with my computer when I'm right in front of it, so doing it with a cell phone makes no sense to me.

I do know that I didn't win the lottery in 2011, nor did I lose any weight. Actually, I didn't try very hard to lose weight, and I really did try to win the lottery. Apparently, I didn't try hard enough.

Anyway, it's a brand new year. Who knows what the future will bring. Just maybe I'll win the lottery this year or at least lose a pound or two. I certainly can't predict the future so I thought it might be amusing to take a look at the past, way past, 1904, to be exact. It's quite amazing the difference a hundred and eight years can make.

The telephone was the major technological advance

ment of the time, but only 8% of American households had one. I couldn't find out what it cost for a telephone back then, but I do know that a three-minute telephone call from Denver to New York City cost \$11. I guess I won't complain too much about my phone charges.

The average wage was 22 cents an hour and the average annual income was between \$200 and \$400 a year.

It's quite amazing the difference a 108 years can make.

Most of us living in the 21st century couldn't even make it through the week on such a meager amount.

Though the cost of living was much lower then, it still had to be a pretty tough haul for a lot of people. Consider that a dozen eggs cost 14 cents and coffee was 15 cents a pound. That was more than half of what a person earned in an hour. I guess that's not so bad if you consider that in 2011 a pound of Starbucks' coffee cost more than the average person currently makes an hour.

We foremothers probably had to budget very closely. They certainly saved a bundle on shampoo. According to an email I received regarding 1904, women washed their hair only once a month and then they used Borax or egg yolks. It makes my head itch just to think about it.

That would explain why all the pictures I've ever seen from that period, the women have their hair pinned up in some fashion. I always assumed it was the style, but

History

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climate controlled storage) by mid-March," he said.

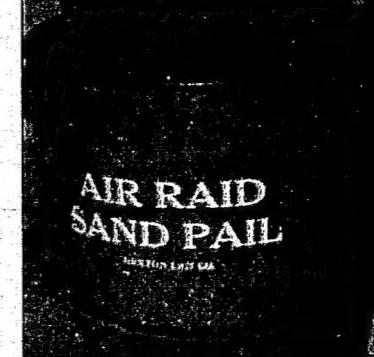
"The re-cataloging of the society's collections, which includes what we've moved plus much more, is scheduled to be

completed in June 2013."

In addition to thanking the students for their help, Bennett expressed his appreciation to Robert and Janet Spindell of Andover and California, who helped finance the renovation, and Ned and Susan Robertson of Solon, Ohio, who funded the computer-database upgrade.

The computer upgrade will

allow BHS to post individual collection records and images online, and permit more digital displays to be linked to the BHS website, said Bennett.



Left, THS student Adam Litterer looks over an old picnic box, filled with utensils, at the Moses Mason House. Above, a World War II air raid sand pail, part of the standard equipment for Air Raid Wardens (in Britain, they were used to put out "incendiaries"). Bethel had air raid warning stations at Middle Intervale and on Paradise Hill. In January 1942, Maine was officially declared a "danger zone" because of proximity to Europe. Below, a group of items from the MM storage room. More photos: www.bethelcitizen.com.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The ski resorts are making snow and the ponds are icing over. Even some of the tubing parks are bringing in snow guns so they don't lose customers. What makes a lot of winter sports enthusiasts happy, but for those of us who love

to snowshoe, our season still looks far away. On Sunday I decided to hike one of my regular snowshoe trails anyway. I walked along a snowmobile trail that runs near the Alder River just south of Bethel. The trail had a different feel and a different look without snow cover. The ground was hard and icy with only a scud of snow and patches of ice in boggy areas. The barren winter view was unique. With the tall grasses and plants gone, I could see portions of the riv-

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 3

At 8:00 p.m. on the East Bethel Road Deputies Matt Noyes and George Cayer arrested Brian L. Piawlock, 52, of Bethel for domestic violence.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

At 11:31 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman responded to Mason Street for a report of phone calls believed to be a scam.

At 12:45 p.m. on the Sunday River Road Capt. Hart Daley investigated a subject needing to register on the sex offender register.

At 1:30 p.m. on Eden Ridge Deputy Josh Wyman responded for a report of the possible theft of a power meter.

At 9:58 p.m. on the East Bethel Road Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Brian Piawlock, 53, of Bethel for aggravated assault Class B, criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon Class C, possession of a firearm by a felon Class C, and violation of conditional release Class E. He was assigned a Superior Court date of Feb. 17.

Thursday, Jan. 5

At 11:24 a.m. on Mason Street Deputy Mike Halacy assisted Capt. D. Garbarini and Sgt. James Bernard of Rumford Police Dept. on a reported child abuse case.

At 12:24 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to the Intervale Road for a vehicle that had hit a tree, with minor injury.

Friday, Jan. 6

At 3:46 a.m. a caller requested a property check on the Intervale Road because of a strange call received. Deputy Josh Wyman and Sgt. Tim Holland responded.

At 12:36 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Route 26 for a report of a vehicle driving erratically.

At 12:48 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a subject requesting to talk to a deputy regarding a juvenile and an illegal activity issue.

Saturday, Jan. 7

At 12:55 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder stopped a vehicle on the Sunday River Road. Three subjects were summonsed for possession of a usable amount of marijuana. The driver was summonsed for possession of drug paraphernalia and following too closely.

Sunday, Jan. 8

At 11:01 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Route 2 for a report of an elderly driver driving too fast and making unsafe passes.

At 1:49 p.m. a report was received of a gas drive off on Mayville Road. Deputy Dennis Ryder located the vehicle. A gift card had been used and didn't have enough funds to cover the full cost. The subject returned and paid.

At 1:52 p.m. on Cross Street Deputy Dennis Ryder arrested Kyle R. Gordon, 25, of Bethel for operating after suspension and illegal attachment of plates.

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A late fee of \$15.00 per dog will be charged on February 1st, 2011

SNOW PLOWING

Please remember that according to Maine State Law Title 29 section 2396 item #4, a person may not place and allow to remain on a public way snow or slush that has not accumulated there naturally.

is half-price, only \$13. TOPS meets every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church on Route 26, across from Telstar.

Did you know that you can drop off donations for the area Food Pantry at the Bethel Foodliner? There are baskets near the front door where you can leave nonperishable foods. The food will be taken to the Food Pantry, which is open to everyone in the area. If you need food, please call for an appointment (824-0369).

If you have news you'd like to share, please send it to nancybrown115@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

Andover

By JANE RICH

Word has been received that Barbara Littlehale, wife of Clinton Littlehale, passed away on Dec. 20 in Jacksonville, Fla. The Littlehales are former Andover residents.

Happy belated 75th birthday to Chuck Cannon, part-time resident who celebrated the occasion with a party in Massachusetts on Jan. 8.

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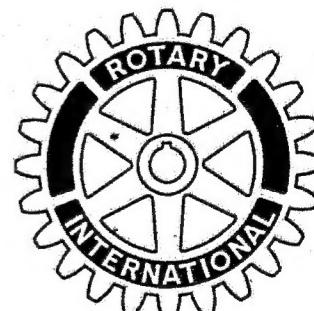
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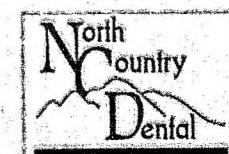
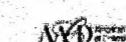
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If you have news, please call me at 392-3761 or e-mail to jcrich@me.com

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

The Hanover Board of Selectpersons will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 17, for their monthly meeting.

Local area members of the Knights of Pythias attended an Executive Council meeting at Gouldsboro last Sunday. Traveling from Hanover were Craig Turner and Donna and Clem Worcester. Making the trip from Milton Township were Danny and Janice Bennett along with Michael Bennett. The road trip went well except for some icy areas from recent storms.

Rumford Grange 115 had their January meeting on Saturday, Jan. 7, at the home of Arnold and Vicki Clark on Ellis River Road. A lunch was enjoyed and as usual a

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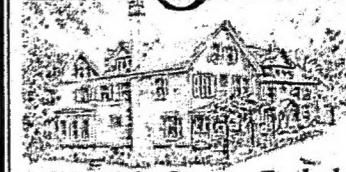
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Friday, January 13th
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Saturday, January 14th
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lively discussion took place. Birthday greetings this week go to Kaylynn Worcester. She is celebrating her 11th birthday Friday, Jan. 13. Rumford Fire Department and Med-Care Ambulance responded to a residence on Mill Hill Road in Hanover on Saturday, Jan. 7, because of an apparent furnace malfunction that caused black smoke.

Howard Pond is ice covered. Although some say the skating is good, extreme caution is urged for those trying it. The ice conditions can change daily due to underwater springs. The Androscoggin River is filled with ice chunks and a lot of open areas that seem to change often. It is a good place to stay away from. With the lack of significant snow cover, hiking in the woods is great. Just watch out for icy places.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Already another week has slipped by and still no snow to speak of. Let's use this odd weather for something fun and let me know what your prediction for the first real storm is; inclusive date and amount.

Call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. This could prove quite interesting.

On New Year's Day Sunday River had a ski free day and Echo Corliss, her daughter Kylee, Kylee's uncles Steve and Jeremiah and cousin Bradley took advantage of the opportunity. They had a fun day, especially as they were able to ski wearing vests, sweatpants and sunglasses rather than the usual ski gear.

Alder River Grange 145 had a regular meeting on Dec. 9 with seven members present. There was a discussion on making shawls to give to Seniors, if they desire one. The next meeting will be March 9. It was voted to suspend the meetings in January and February. The March meeting will be at Stan Howe's.

I found an interesting news item which our famous trapper, Neil Olson, may enjoy reading. Last year 67 905 raccoons were trapped in Germany. Raccoons have become quite the menace there as they have no natural predator. You see, raccoons were introduced there in the early 1920s by fur traders who didn't want to have to pay the high import tax on the pelts. Now, with hardly any trapping going on as the demand for furs has dropped drastically, raccoon numbers have increased so much that they are endanger-

ing other native wildlife, especially birds. Further, there has been a lot of damage to homes, structures in general and wiring.

Have a great week.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



We are well into the new year and there is still very little snow. The weather has been colder but it certainly does not feel or look like January.

My brother, Steve McLain, was talking with me the other day and commenting about the lack of birds at the feeder. We are seeing a few more since it has gotten colder. He said that one day Lise looked out and saw a large flock of little birds out by their feeder. They appeared to be goldfinches.

Gray Bujnowski recently became a Notary and performed his first wedding ceremony on New Year's Day. He is available for future ceremonies and can be reached by a phone call or through the Town Clerk.

Hugh and I attended the annual meeting of the Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association last Sunday. Also attending the meeting was Bob and Judy Bishop of Yarmouth, Maine. They are members of the Gilead Historical Society, too. It was held at Crossstone Restaurant in West Paris. New Officers were installed and a short business meeting was held. This was followed by a delicious turkey dinner. The guest speaker was Woodrow "Woody" Thompson, Physical

Geologist, of the Maine Geological Survey. Town Office Reminder: Dog licenses are due in January. A late fee of \$25 per dog will be charged after Jan. 31. A current rabies shot must be presented at the time of licensing the dog unless the information is already on file at the office.

Gilead Historical Society Condolences go out to the family of Robert LaPointe of Gorham, N.H., who recently passed away. He grew up in Gilead and he was a member of the GHS.

Mary Tyler called last weekend with some information she had just found in the book on Gilead that her mother, Mary Cole, had put together. There were a couple of pictures of mills that had names but no locations written on them. According to her mother's book, Sargent's Mill was located just off Bridge Street and Higgins Mill was located behind the Herbert Wheeler place on the North Road near Twitchell Brook.

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alternate location a field the town owns on Route 219. If that location is suitable for football, it will need to be approved at town meeting, because the field has no designated use.

Doug and Bertha Grover submitted an application for a junkyard permit on Rowe Hill Road. This is the first step in a long process, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks. The next step will be a site assessment by the Code Enforcement Officer.

A month or so ago I wrote about Edwin the dog who was blind, deaf, partly bald and beset with illnesses and sores. He had just been adopted by Loretta Mikols. It is amazing what medical treatment, a good diet, and a lot of love can do. Edwin now has most of his hair, his illnesses and sores are a thing of the past, and while he will always be blind, he has some minimal hearing since the severe ear infection has cleared up. He has also moved to sleeping on the couch which Loretta vowed he would not do. Go, Edwin! Next thing you know, Edwin will be sleeping in the bed.

Still no snow to speak of but the ice is 6 to 8 inches thick on Round Pond Cove and the skating is very good as I write this. Beginning to think this will be winter of skating and hiking, and skiing may be mostly on machine-made snow. The National Weather Service has a long-range outlook across the northern tier of states for above-average precipitation, but, unfortunately, this excludes New England. The Old Farmer's Almanac is a bit more hopeful. They predict a 12-inch-plus storm Feb. 20-23 across the Northeast. Time will tell.

John Gagnon, his sister Sheila, their dogs Katie and Sadie, and friends Don and Larry were up to John's camp over the New Year's weekend. Thanks for dinner, folks!

(Everyone else, remember to keep an eye out this winter for any suspicious activity at unoccupied camps of our summer friends.)

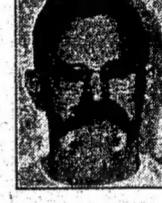
Members of Lorene Mills' family gathered at the Mills-Larson home on Knoll Road New Year's day for their annual Christmas tree and luncheon. It was postponed due to work schedules and Mat and Mandy's move to their new home in South Paris over Christmas vacation. Those present at the party were Mandy and Mat Conkright and children, Malia, Blythe and Richard; Calla Cobb and significant other, Dave Preston Cobb and significant other, Abby Hutchins; Lorraine Larson; Laura Hutchins; and Ralph and Lorene Mills.

In case you missed it last week in the Bethel column, for those of you who heat with oil, Citizens Energy offers help with heating oil here in Maine. If eligible, you may be able to get a one-time free delivery of 100 gallons of fuel. To apply, call (877) 563-4645.

You can send news to me at 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



I did not get to go to the Ladies Aid Breakfast Sunday, Jan. 8, as I had other commitments. I have not heard how many they served; I hope they were busy. I plan to be there next week, hope to see you there. The Ladies Aid Association has weekly meetings Fridays, 10 a.m. at Leslie Aron's.

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ton House. Ten members attended. The discussions included the need to relocate two sections of trail that are in active logging areas. The club would like to increase its membership. If you can join, and help with any of their functions or activities, great! If your schedule or location doesn't let you help with the activities but you would like to join the club anyway, great! The club will put your dues to a good use and you will have donated to a good cause. To receive a membership application or for other snowmobile club information, please send an e-mail to pepidom@megalink.net or write to StateLine Snowmobile Club, c/o Upton House, 260 Thistle Street, Upton, Maine 04281. The club will have their next meeting Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m. in the Upton House.

The Upton Historical Society will have a meeting Sunday, Jan. 22, 1 p.m. in the Upton House.

My favorite winter activity is riding my snowmachine. Due to the lack of snow for that and my need to be outside, I have been cutting my firewood for next year. It is quite a ride coming down my mountain on the icy twich road in my homemade skidder (the big guy), all six tire chains sliding and 3/4 of a cord of hardwood trees pushing. Penny refuses to ride with me!

I hope everyone has a good week.

Call 533-2010 or e-mail back-stjoe@gmail with your news.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Wild Weasel Training (Nellis AFB)

The next morning I walked into a classroom with the standard school-type desks, chalk boards and a movie screen on the front wall and a projector/mid room aimed at the screen. About 16 young officers in short-sleeve uniforms stood around in groups of three or four chatting and introducing themselves to each other. I noticed that most of the guys with pilot wings seemed to know most of the other pilots, but most of the electronic warfare officers (EWOs), like me had never met before. The pilots, all that drivers, knew each other as they had shared assignments together and talked about their adventures in exotic places like Moron, Spain, Spangdhalam, Germany and Tripoli, Libya. Some of them had a few combat missions they had flown in Vietnam while TDY from assignments in Okinawa, Japan.

We EWOs all had differing backgrounds, and none of us had any combat experience. I was the only B-52 EWO. The two fellows I had met the night before had just graduated with master's degrees from the Air Force Institute of Technology. A couple others had been in EWO assignments in Air Defense Command and had some fighter experience.

Then, there were instructors, all in flight suits with Wild Weasel patches on their chests, and most had "100 Missions, North Vietnam" patches on their left shoulder. All us students were awed by the guys with patches! The senior instructor was Lt. Col. Gary Willard, who had been their squadron commander when they had flown out of Thailand. Col. Willard introduced himself and briefly outlined our training syllabus, which was to last about four weeks. During that time, we EWOs would learn about the F-105 aircraft systems, everything we needed to know about the SA-2 surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems we would be facing and the electronic equipment we would be using to detect, locate and kill or suppress them without getting shot down ourselves.

The pilots would also learn about the SAM systems and the warning receivers on their instrument panel that pointed the direction to the most threatening SAM site. We would all talk to each other and "crew up," that is pair a pilot with an EWO to form a crew who would fly together and, hopefully, if they were lucky, complete 100 missions together. We would be flying 12 training missions together at Nellis.

Then a stocky EWO with a

gravelly voice and a sadistic sense of humor introduced himself and began explaining the history of the Wild Weasel mission up to this point. This was Jack Donovan, an unforgettable fellow who peppered his conversations with jokes about how vain fighter pilots were. Some were so bad it made me cringe in my seat! His favorite vain pilot joke was a fellow who had "world's greatest fighter pilot," printed on his flight helmet. But, it had those words printed backwards, so they would read right when he looked in the mirror!

Before Vietnam nobody had ever flown against SAMs, and none of our fighter aircraft had any electronic equipment to warn them when SAM or other radars were tracking them. Fighter pilots had to be given a crash course in how the SAM radars worked and how to read the electronic warning equipment in the Wild Weasel aircraft.

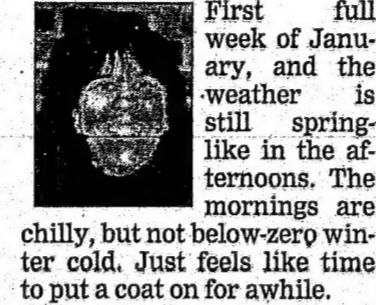
Electronic Warfare Officers (EWOs) had attended an 11-month school on electronic warfare, where we learned about all types of radar systems and about different receivers that displayed the radar signals in our aircraft. We also learned about electronic "jamming" and other equipment used in various types of aircraft to interfere with radar signals to make it more difficult for them to identify or locate our aircraft accurately enough to shoot them down. As we were to learn, none of these systems were foolproof!

My own experience included nearly six years on B-52 crews in SAC. There we operated receivers and jamming equipment that covered the frequency spectrum from about 50 MHz to about 10,000 MHz, along with aluminum foil and flare dispensers to help defend the aircraft from enemy air defense systems. Bomber crews had learned about radar directed air defense systems during WWII, and SAC had employed this knowledge plus all the other air defense developments the Soviet Union had deployed since then. I had

spent numerous hours listening to recordings of Soviet radar signals and could identify most of them just by listening to their pulse recurrence frequencies (PRF). Hence, I could readily identify the distinctive rattlesnake sound of the SA-2 SAM radar instantly, but I did not know much about how the SA-2 system actually operated.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



First full week of January, and the weather is still spring-like in the afternoons. The mornings are chilly, but not below-zero winter cold. Just feels like time to put a coat on for awhile.

Tasha seems to be waiting as long as possible to go outside in the mornings. She is happy to come inside when given the opportunity. Yet she still is seen running down the ramp, and the other day I was gone and when I returned I found her at the end of the road. When I stopped and told her to come home, she took off at a run that was as fast as I was driving, approximately 10 mph. If she would get in the car, I would have picked her up, but she is not a car dog at all. For now, she is still happy doing what she does and sleeping most of the day.

Thursday, Jan. 12, ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholic and Dysfunctional Families) will meet at 10 a.m. at the Waterford Library. This is a discussion group. FMI call 739-9115. Also call if the weather is bad to insure that the meeting is happening.

Starting next week Thursdays Jan. 19 to April 19 there will be potluck suppers every Thursday at the Wilkins House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford. Bring a dish to

share and get to know your fellow Waterford friends. FMI call 583-6677.

To contemplate for later this month, starting Jan. 26 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. University of Maine Cooperative Extension will hold a Master Gardener course. Focus will include fruit and vegetable production, composting, season extension, as well as pest management, etc. FMI and application call (800) 287-1482 or 743-6329.

Mountain Poets met last Sunday. We had a small but enthusiastic meeting with all introducing new works. All are welcome at these readings that occur the second Sunday of every month. That means the next one will be Feb. 12 (2-12-12). Hope to see some of you there.

Anyone having news for me to print, please call 739-9115. Feel free to leave a message.

Please have a great week. Don't forget that next Monday is Martin Luther King Day. It is planned to be a day of service to your community.

Greenwood City

By MINDY SWEETSER



I'm sure you have heard the expression, "like walking on thin ice." Now I am an avid fisherman, but when just last week the bodies of water were wide open and only one week later people are actively sporting their courageous temptations of ice fishing, as it is in season. The tempters have not supported the ice with stability temp as needed in proper freezing conditions. With all said I can say the fellow ice-fishing people are living that expression out. As I have looked at the surround-

ing lakes and ponds each one of them have enormous openings in the ice exposing the bodies of water, and some shacks are placed no more than fifty yards from them. I sure hope they think safety first! I know with any epic sport there are risks to endure but most accidents can be prevented with a bit of common sense.

"could of," "what ifs," that's a waste of valuable time. And I heard that saying from my kids' principal, Jolene Littlehale, and in that particular moment it struck me hard cause I was the one saying "well I should of" and then she corrected me. I mulled it over in my mind several times that day and it came to me, she was right why waste time on trying to change a permanent happening when that time can be more useful by moving forward to correct the situation. So true!

Taking a glance of my life last week, we had a great week. My sister and I have challenged each other to a battle of strength. In one month we will go hand to hand to see who is stronger. Keep in mind I outweigh her and I'm eight years older than her! However, none of those statistics seem to matter really because my brother outweighs me on strength by a long shot.

We lost power one night last week just as we were in the middle of cooking supper; the kids cracked open the marshmallows and camp headlights and we had a blast! I finished our meal off on the wood stove, then as we were all cozy eating in candlelight we regained power once again.

I felt like we needed a change in the house, for healthy minds change is a good thing, so I moved around all the decor in the living room. My dogs and kids have a field day when I move around the furniture cause they find many lost treasures. I think I found about 200 marbles, I knew I had lost some but I didn't realize I had so many!

My daughter has been fighting a nasal infection and I hope she will be feeling better soon so she can return to school.

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We had a great family get-together at my sister's and we had a wonderful shrimp feast. My sister and I are all about a challenge, as we did a dance off. I have to admit she has me there! Every competitor needs to have a weakness to keep her on her toes!

Sunday we try to cram all house and barn duties into one day. We got a lot accomplished. My husband went over his log truck and trailer; he takes a lot of pride in maintaining his 18-wheeler to assure safety on the road. We went to the Greenwood dump where we were greeted by two wonderfully kind-hearted, humorous men as always. We followed up the day with a few odd jobs that my grandfather wanted get done around the barn, and as always I cleaned straight through when I wasn't of any help. My mother treated us to a homemade bean supper Sunday night and my grandmother accompanied us, which as always is a delight. We had a great ending to a busy day. Monday I made three batches of homemade fresh butter that was sold before I had even had it made.

My thought for the week is: when it comes to life the effort you put in is equal to the good you get out.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



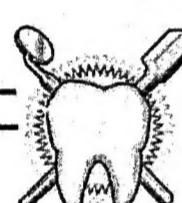
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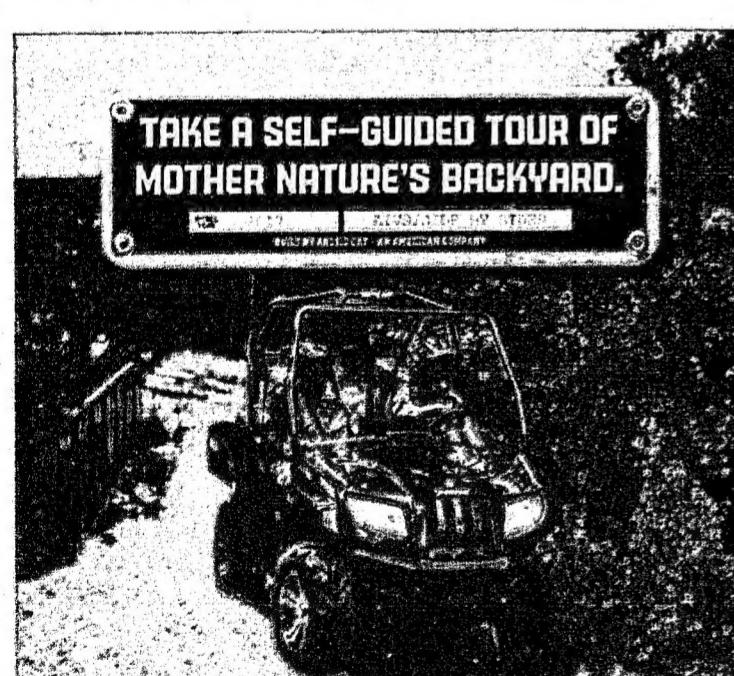
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light almost like rain, maybe it won't add up to much or make the roads slippery.

A very quiet Christmas day for us, we joined my sister Lori and her friend Gary for the Christmas dinner at the Congregational Church in Paris. Also joining us were Bert L. and Alberta K. and Mary. Got to meet and talk with many who attended it's always great seeing those who get out and about for these town functions.

Later in the day our son Craig and grandchildren Alyson and Spencer came to spend some time with us. It was a great day all around. Condolences are going out to the families of Russ Adams. Russ was a great friend and fellow musician and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him; we always enjoyed having him sit in with our band to sing and play his guitar when we entertained at the Veterans' Home.

Many of us traveled to Portland on Wednesday to say our last farewell to our dear friend Russ; it was cold but nice and sunny and a great day for traveling. Barry and Leanne W., Gary L. and Lorri W. and Yogi and I stopped in at Cole Farms in Gray to enjoy a nice meal and to reflect on Russ and how he touched our lives.

Get well wishes to those who are not feeling up to par these days, that old flu bug is surely making his rounds. And many are going through other medical issues.

Birthday wishes are going out to Reese Owen, Lillian Bennett, Dean LaPage, Alice Allen, Robert Hill, Mark Parlin, Theresa Seavey, Diane Hanscom, Benny Benedetto, Rex Richardson, Bob With-

ee, Tammy Estes, Willy Libby, Kevin Fitzmorris, Rhonda Cossar, Sandy Landers, Jim Russell, Carol Cox, Cheryl Carter and Jack Roberts.

Logging trucks are traveling by here every day taking several loads to the mill daily. Not sure where they are cutting up this way though, but good looking logs though.

Chick-a-dees are busy at the feeders this morning, there is plenty of feed out there for them to enjoy.

I love my Good Day Maine morning show on Fox (Channel 4 Time Warner Cable)

it covers a lot more of Maine news than other morning shows.

Construction has come to an end for the season. Many are out of work for a few weeks till things begin to open up for the spring and summer months.

That's all this week from the valley, stay well and happy.

Quote of the week, "Spirit intelligence means choosing to live in balance giving and receiving. When the spirit within is chronically out of balance, usually giving far more than receiving, the enthusiasm dies and eventually the spirit disengages."

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Whitman Memorial Library program is today, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. Dr. Fred Jordan will be presenting a somewhat whimsical look at forensic pathology over the years and

will talk about Maine medical examiner system then and now, mass disaster planning and a few interesting studies including one of a Maine boy who moved West. Dr. Jordan worked in Oklahoma for many years, but he had a Bryant Pond connection; he was the Godson of Howard and Sylvia Judkins and fondly remembers spending many weeks with them as a boy.

This will be an interesting afternoon. No charge, public invited, light refreshments will be served.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet at the home of Alice Hoyt on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. Potluck dinner will follow.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6, Wednesday evening at 6:30 is prayer meeting.

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Meetings there are great because you are surrounded by the many displays. In the meantime join them in March at the Town Complex.

Western Mountains Senior College

The following questions and responses are continued from last week's article about the Western Mountains Senior College, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary year.

Do I have to apply to attend?

WMSC has regular offerings for the public at large requiring no membership. As a member organization, though, we depend on the critical contributions of our members both in financial and non-financial terms.

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We're sure you'll like it so much that you'll then become a member!

What is the membership and course registration process and when?

You may become a member at any time. Our print newsletter is sent to all members before the fall, winter and spring terms; it contains complete information on upcoming courses and how to register. For a registration form or more information on membership or courses, check our website, call our office in the Adult and Community Education Office (824-2780), or contact a co-chair (see information at the end of this article).

Do I need a high school diploma to participate?

No. There is no admissions application or screening process. We offer a large variety of classes, and we welcome anyone to participate as interest and ability dictate.

What types of classes are taught?

A popular course that has been offered during two terms each over the past seven years is Great Decisions. This course about American foreign policy centers around short readings and class discussions. It is a clear favorite with many students, but of course, it holds less appeal for other WMSC members.

Two classes: Painting and Drawing and Creative Writing are so popular that they have continued for many consecutive terms. There are always literature, art or music appreciation and other humanities/cultural classes.

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Primetime Ski Club moving fast

The beginning of 2012 was the first ski week for many Primetime Ski Club members. Some came up soon after the holiday, others strolled in later in the week, but by week's end we saw 25 or so of the 120 already meeting at 10 a.m.

Sunday River's man-made surface held up well most of the week, but everyone was happy to see big fluffy flakes falling Friday morning.

The mountain picked up just a couple inches and most everyone found the surface outstanding.

Additionally, everybody's excitement level goes up a notch or two when snow is falling.

A lot of people are hoping Mother Nature decides late January is right for a foot or two of white powder (sorry non-skiers).

The activity level moved into gear this week with Primetimers assembling daily ski groups in earnest.

It's still early in the season so, we're just getting started with the social fun.

We had our first ad hoc party Saturday night and the Welcome Back Potluck is tonight, Jan. 12 (members only).

The Matterhorn special event next week is already more than half full and we've just finalized most of the GO-50 week (Jan. 23-27) details. Busy time.

The Primetime Ski Club is an independent ski and social club welcoming anyone 50 and over. They meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at Sunday River's North Peak Lodge to form daily ski groups based on ability, terrain, and social aspects.

Information is available at www.primetimeskiclub.com.



HAPPY 50TH - On Saturday, Jan. 7 Fernand and Beverly Corriveau of Gilford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. A bouquet and boutonniere of paper roses were presented to the couple, and a toast was given by their oldest son, Fernand Jr. The hall was decorated in paper flowers and pine boughs, just as it had been at their wedding. On display were many photos taken through the years. The event was organized by the couple's children.

Mountain Valley Rec basketball results

Mt. Abram (4-0) is only undefeated team in the Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League after Sunday's completion of games.

They used a two-man attack to beat Jay (2-2) 82-67. Tyler Wentworth led all scorers with 36 points, Matt Newell had 24.

In the most exciting game of the day, LBI (3-1) barely held off a feverish comeback by the Bethel Bobcats (2-2).

Down 20 points early in the second half, Bethel used an effective 3-2 zone to slow down the fast-paced LBI team and

nearly completed the task, but fell at the end 69-66.

Bethel got 21 points by Sean Caddigan, 14 from Ryan Savage and 10 from Matt Zetts.

In the final game, J & G Ballers (1-3) broke into the losers' bracket and posted their first win of the season over Archies, (0-4) 86-67.

Joe Gautreau had 5 threes and 22 points to lead all scorers for J & G. Josh Albee helped with 19, Miles Whitlock 13 and Craig Jacques 12.

For Archies', who use a full 10-man roster, Mike Leclair had 18, Brett Archibald 16, Jeremy Childs 12 and Mike Holquist 10.

On Sunday at Mountain Valley High School Archies and Mt. Abram play at 10 a.m.

Jay and Bethel Bobcats tangle at 11:30 and J & G Ballers take on LBI at 1 p.m.

Community Calendar

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions.

Food Pantry, Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0349).

Third Wednesday each month

Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women. FMI/appointment: 743-5993 Ext 6851. Insurances accepted and low-cost help available.

Sundays thru March 4

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Public Skating at Hebron Academy Robinson Arena rink. Cost: \$3 Adults/\$2 age 12 and under. Parking available in Athletic Center lot off Route 119. FMI: 966-2100 or visit www.hebronacademy.org

Thursday, Jan. 12

2 p.m. - Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond, guest speaker will be Dr. Fred Jordan, Deputy Chief Medical Examiner and consultant forensic pathologist to Maine Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Augusta. Free and open to public. Refreshments.

7 p.m. - Black Diamond Family Entertainment presents Davey the Clown, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Cost: adults (13 over) \$6 advance/\$8 door, 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door, 5 and under free. FMI: (800) 543-2SKI or visit www.sundayriver.com.

7:30 p.m. - Encore Recital by classical pianist Robert Poortinga, well-known participant in "Music without Borders" International Piano Festival at Gould Academy, Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Unreserved seating. No charge.

Friday, Jan. 13

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Owen Art Gallery at Gould Academy will exhibit the artwork of Aaron Drew at an opening, free and open to the public. Drew combines the marks and attributes of printmaking, drawing, painting and digital media based on his observations of environmental and political issues and oceanography. On display thru Feb. 17.

Saturday, Jan. 14

10 a.m. - Franklin Grange 124 meeting/potluck dinner at Alice Hoyt's. Bring dish to share.

12 Noon - Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club meeting. Topic: "Now is the time of year to order your Nukes, opening up your hives in February, checking for food supplies." If interested in bees, call John Seiloven at 743-5009.

7:30 to 9 p.m. - Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, presents AudiBody, a "fusion of hilarious comedy and mind-blowing technology." Tickets: \$16 adults/\$10 children/students available online www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or visit <http://audiobody.com>. Free parking.

Saturdays, Jan. 14, 21, 28

7 to 10 p.m. - Jones Dance Band at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Tickets: \$5.

Monday, Jan. 16

11 a.m. to 12 noon - Fancy Nancy Tea Party at Norway Memorial Library. Cookies, punch, tea, Fancy Nancy stories, flower craft. Children asked to bring parent or grandparent. Registration required. Put on fancy party dress and have fun. FMI/register: call 743-5309.

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 16 and 17

6:30 p.m. - Auditions for "Jake's Women" at Guy E. Rowe School, 219 Main Street, Norway. Perusal scripts at Norway and Paris public libraries. FMI: 890-7518 (Director Tom Littlefield) or producers Shelly Shibles (583-6562) or Kathy Davis (743-9066).

Tuesday, Jan. 17

4 to 7 p.m. - The Eddy Open House, home school away from home behind Bear River Trading Post, Newry. See what they do. (An Admission Open House scheduled at later date)

Wednesday, Jan. 18

6:30 to 8:45 p.m. - Western Maine Beekeeper's Association Beekeeping School begins at Region 9 School, Mexico. 11 weekly classes include acquiring honeybees, setting up hives, harvesting honey, disease prevention and hive management. Registration 6 p.m. at cafeteria Region 9 School, Mexico. Cost: \$40 includes books, handouts and one-year membership in Western Maine Beekeepers Association. FMI: contact Carol Coffrill (364-0917) or WMBA@roadrunner.com or Nick Kelley (364-4121).

Thursday, Jan. 19

7:30 p.m. - Independent Film Series with Sensation of Sight, Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy. Rated R. Individuals under 18 must be accompanied by adult. Tickets: \$8 adults/\$4 students available online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or by calling 935-9232. Free parking.

Saturday, Jan. 21

9 to 12 a.m. - Bake Sale for Albany Congregational Church Scholarship Fund will be held at Bethel Foodliner.

10 a.m. - Mahoosuc Land Trust winter outing to Maggie's Nature Park, Greenwood. Bring your snowshoes. And kids under 10 Hike. FMI: 824-3806. Changed from Jan. 14.

1 p.m. - Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, presents Metropolitan Opera Live in HD Season with The Enchanted Island. Tickets: adults \$26/ seniors (65+) \$23/students \$18 available online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or call 935-9232 (Box Office).

7 p.m. - Black Diamond Family Entertainment The Boston Bubble Guy at Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: adults (13 over) \$6 advance/\$8 door, 12 and under \$4 advance, \$6 door, 5 and under free. FMI: (800) 543-2SKI or visit www.sundayriver.com.

Sunday, Jan. 22

1 p.m. - Upton Historical Society meeting, Upton House.

Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Mt. Valley 51, Telstar 38; Jan. 9 - Telstar stats: Dom Haines 12 points, Corey Howard 10 points, Nick Mills 9 rebounds.

Boothbay 71, Telstar 62; Jan. 5 - Telstar stats: Dom Haines 25 points, Corey Howard 15 points, Danny Whitney 13 points and 6 assists, Nick Mills 16 rebounds.

Telstar 60, Lisbon 47; Jan. 3 - Telstar stats: Danny Whitney 16 points, Corey Howard 14 points and 11 rebounds, Nick Mills 12 points and 11 rebounds, Dom Haines 10 points and 10 steals.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Mt. Valley 41, Telstar 38; Jan. 9 - Telstar stats: Austin Ryerson 12 points, Nik Conrad 9 points, Maverik Griffin 4.

Carrabec 39, Telstar 30; Jan. 6 - Telstar stats: Maverik Griffin 6 points, Tyler Cherkis 6, David Pilgrim 5.

Boothbay 42, Telstar 32; Jan. 5 - Telstar stats: Nik Conrad 13 points, Rick James 6, David Pilgrim 4.

Lisbon 27, Telstar 16; Jan. 3 - Telstar stats: Maverik Griffin 6 points, Nik Conrad 4 points, Austin Ryerson 3 points.

High School Girls' J.V. Basketball

Mt. Valley 42, Telstar 21; Jan. 9 - Telstar played well in the first half and held the lead at half-time 16 to 15 for the first time all year, but Mt. Valley increased their defensive pressure, forcing many turnovers, and out-rebounded the Rebels in the second half to pull away for the victory. Alyssa Brands scored 9 points with 4 blocks, Maisey Griffin added 4, 3 each for Annie Cushman and Savanna Pelletier, and Jenny Wakefield had 2 points. The team will travel next to St. Dom's this Friday night. Coach Mark Kenney

Carrabec 33, Telstar 20; Jan. 6 - Telstar struggled to figure things out offensively, missing many opportunities. There were bright spots when the girls played hard on defense which turned into some nice, fast break layups. Alyssa Brands scored 8 points, Savanna Pelletier added 6, and two each from Annie Cushman, Maisey Griffin, and Dora Pilgrim-Guay. Coach Mark Kenney

Lisbon 35, Telstar 18; Jan. 3 - The THS Girls played a physical game in a very hot gym at Lisbon but the game was much closer than the score reveals. Alyssa Brands led the young Rebels with 8 points including two 3-pointers and 7 blocks, Annie Cushman had 4 points, and 2 each from Savanna Pelletier, Maisey Griffin, and Jessie Kelly. The team did much better in their motion offense and just didn't have shots fall for them, and have improved their defensive pressure, but the much taller Greyhounds made rebounding very challenging. There has been a lot of growth shown so far for the young team as they continue to work on their goals. Coach Mark Kenney

High School Alpine Skiing

Slalom at Titcomb Mt., Jan. 6 - Telstar finally got their season started with a slalom race. It was a tough course with a large field of racers from 12 schools. "For the first run, we had a team goal of finishing the course and not getting disqualified. I asked them all to step it up for the second run by trying to beat their first run time. Most of our racers accomplished both goals," said Coach John Eliot. Cody Boivin, Josh Head, Nick Johnson, and Tyler James combined for the boys' team score. Rachel Wheeler, Gabrielle Stone, Aislinn Forbes, and Anna Tyrina scored for the girls. "I was surprised to see a large turnout of classmates had traveled the distance to support the team. We thank you for your support," said Eliot. The team will travel to Black Mt. on Friday. The first home meet at Sunday River will be Jan. 19 at 1 p.m.

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 50, Telstar 34; Jan. 3 - Telstar lost to a much stronger Dirigo team. After a long Christmas break and missing 3 players, the Rebels had a very slow start in the first half. Telstar only managed to score 9 points in the first half, but after reorganizing at the half, they put together a respectable second half and scored 25 points. Cameron Pike scored 12 points, Tanner Wheeler scored 10 pts., and Matthew Bennett scored 6. The team record is now 2-2. Coach Tim O'Connor

Monday, Jan. 23

3:45 to 5 p.m. - WinterKids Training (snow date Jan. 24), Bear River Grange Hall, just off Route 2 and Route 26). Guide to Outdoor Active Learning for Pre-K-6 grade teachers in SAD 44 and RSU 10, sponsored by River Valley Healthy Communities. Nutritious food and drinks provided. Raffle. RSVP Carol Emery at rvhccemery@gwi.net or call 364-7408.

6:30 p.m. - Andover Community meeting, scheduled by U.S. Postal Service regarding study for closure of East Andover Post Office, Andover Town Hall. Open to public.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

11:30 to 1 p.m. - "Age Based Memory Loss or Alzheimer's?" seminar at Western Maine University and Community Center, South Paris. FMI: 743-2041.

4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper (no charge), Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Thursdays starting Jan. 26

5:30 to 9 p.m. - Master Gardener Course, University of Maine Cooperative Extension, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Focus on fruit and vegetable production, composting, season extension as well as botany, soil science and pest management. Class size limited. FMI/application: (800) 287-1482 or 743-6329 (office), e-mail barbara.murphy@maine.edu.

Friday, Jan. 27

7:30 p.m. - Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg Academy, presents Celtic Fiddler Hanneke Cassel. Tickets: \$20 adults/\$15 seniors available online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/pac or Box Office (935-9232).

Jan. 29 and March 25

Community Ski Days for SAD 44 residents, Sunday River Ski Resort. Ski and rent equipment free. Also, participate for free in Adult Learn to Ski/Ride Clinics (ages 15-plus). Preregistration required. 50 percent discount on food and beverages.

Thursday, Feb. 2

2nd Annual All You Can Eat Pizza Night at Matterhorn, Sunday River Road, Newry. Tickets: \$15/p/p may be purchased from Rotary Club member or at door. Proceeds

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – Farmer's Market

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What did the vegetable farmer use to fix the hole in his pants?

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ASPARAGUS
CARROT
CELERY
CHICKPEA
CHIVE
CORN
CUCUMBER
EGGPLANT
KALE
LEEK
LENTIL
LETTUCE
OKRA
PEPPER
TARO ROOT



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Riddle Answer: _____

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SCRAMBLERS
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

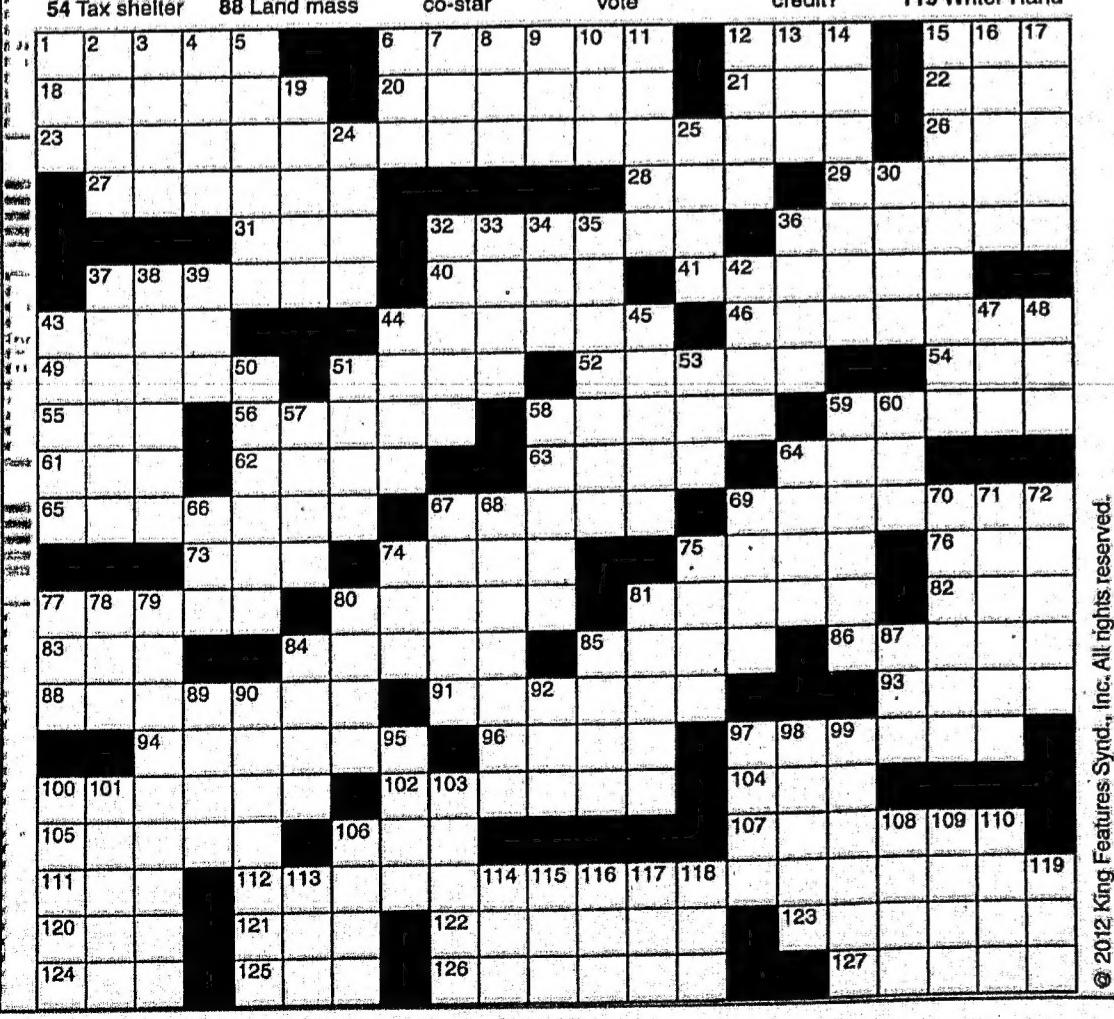
pacify **RAMSID**
poise **POBALM**
reach **VARRIE**
grim **BROMES**

TODAY'S WORD

"Gentlemen, we are gathered here tonight not only to honor a fellow but to get away from our wives."

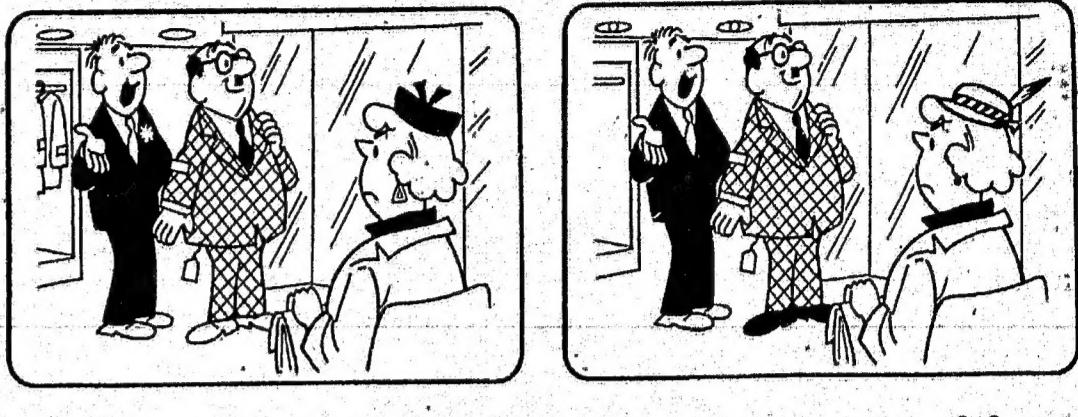
Super Crossword**BRIEFLY STATED**

ACROSS	55	Animated Olive	91	Wilbert Harrison hit	3	To — (perfectly)	42	Sacred Image	79	Johnny Horton hit
1 Roofing material	56	Proofread'er's mark	93	Doesn't come clean	4	Pattie pooches	43	That's the spirit	80	WWII unit
6 Litigates	58	Word with tea or pepper	94	Daze	5	Bulldozer	44	Make tea	81	Dock
12 Director Peckinpah	59	Get more magazines	96	Haven, CT	6	Paid player	45	Worth or Papas	84	Put the whammy on
15 Bull's babe	60	More Enigmatic sort	97	Exhausted	7	Actor Ayres	47	Prior to, to Prior	85	Galileo's birthplace
18 Florida eleven	61	Jack of "Flower Drum Song"	98	9 Past	8	Musical sensitivity	48	Damp and chilly	87	Heidi's hangout
20 40th president	62	Be — unto oneself	99	Wagner's	9	Wagner's	50	Cleaned a carp	89	Racer Luyendyk
21 Baudelaire's buddy	63	Tear to bits	100	Rheingold"	10	Look like Hook?	51	Schwarzenegger's birthplace	90	Nocturnal visitor
22 Nabokov novel	64	Marry	102	Cash stash	11	Cash stash	53	Cabernet color	92	Subway unit
23 Mitch Miller hit	65	Patti Page hit	104	Essen	12	Blind	57	Voice type	95	Merit
26 "Agnus —"	66	Scold	105	Lost	13	Mamas & Papas hit	58	It's run of the mill?	97	It's a long story
27 Throw a line to	67	Andrews Sisters hit	106	First zoo?	14	"Golden" Boy"	59	Nullify	98	Caustic
28 She's a sheep date	68	Tenor Slezak	107	Concerto —	15	dramatist	60	Tokyo, once	99	Conversation pieces?
29 Bakery display	69	Corporate VIP	111	Bachelor's last words	16	Wagner's	61	Power unit	100	Gleam
31 — Aviv	70	Burlap fiber	112	Gladys Knight hit	17	Dress part	62	Wayfarer's whistle	101	Clerical title
32 Blazing	71	Word on a pump	113	Knight hit	18	Turns about	63	Smith of Sandler	103	Excludes
36 Most mammoth	72	Supped In style	114	New Deal aggy.	19	Portrait painter	67	Stream	108	ER exclamation
37 Elegant	73	Cartoon cry	115	Real New Deal	20	Peter	68	Earphones	109	Painful
40 Pebbles' papa	74	Corporate VIP	116	de guerre	21	Propel with a pole	69	Propel with a pole	110	Eye appreciatively
41 — Leona Black and white	75	Burlap fiber	117	Beethoven's "Moonlight"	22	Entertainer	70	Entertainer	111	Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
44 Bing Crosby hit	76	Word on a pump	118	Dutch artist	23	Chow	71	Played soccer	112	Sticky stuff
48 Service member?	77	Supped In style	119	Jan	24	Christopher	72	Zones	115	Savage sort
49 Tilden's opponent	78	Cartoon cry	120	Dutch artist	25	Stuck fast	73	Third degree?	116	La-la lead-in
51 Seize the tongue	79	Corporate VIP	121	Jan	26	Munich mister	74	Panel of peers	117	Asian holiday
52 Slip of the tongue	80	Winter hazard	122	Dutch artist	27	Kinder-garten item	75	SHAEF commander	118	Nutritional abbr.
54 Tax shelter	81	TV's "Scooby —"	123	Jan	28	Defeat	76	Letters of credit?	119	Writer Rand
	82	Winter hazard	124	Cartoon cry	29	Bother	77	commander		
	83	TV's "Scooby —"	125	de guerre	30	Christopher	78	letters of credit?		
	84	Too experienced	126	Beethoven's "Moonlight"	31	Stuck fast	79	commander		
	85	Flip	127	Dutch artist	32	Munich mister	80	letters of credit?		
	86	Sri —	128	Jan	33	Kinder-garten item	81	commander		
	87	Land mass	129	Dutch artist	34	Defeat	82	letters of credit?		
	88	Land mass	130	Jan	35	Bother	83	commander		

**HOCUS - FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



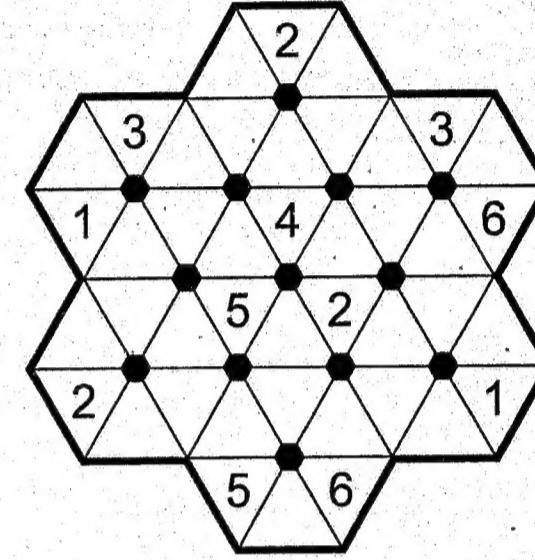
5. Ceiling light is different. 6. Clocks are missing. 7. Glasses are black. 8. Shoes are black. 9. Hair is different. 10. Bouffant hair is missing. 11. Glasses are black. 12. Shoes are black.

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SNOWFLAKES
by Japheth Light

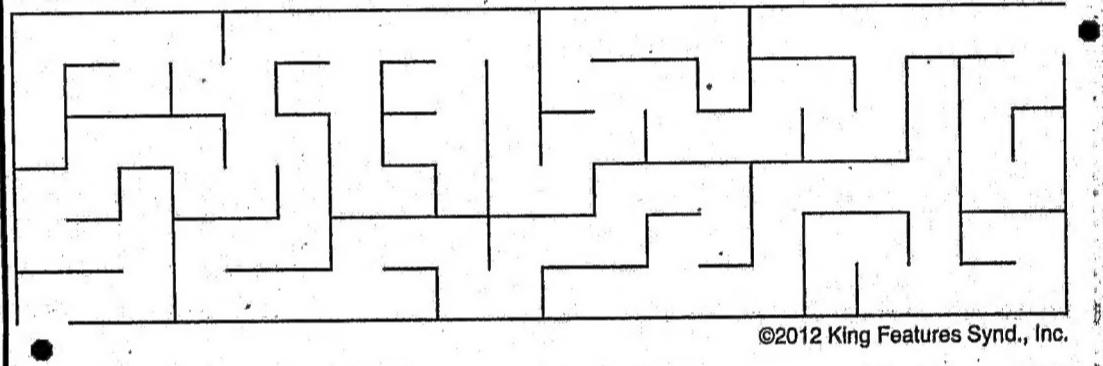
There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:**

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Kids' Maze**No Dots**

Connect Numbers:

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Tip: Aim for the middle of each number.

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ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. FMI: 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. Third Sunday of each month at 9 a.m., breakfast open to the public at no charge. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2938.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. FMI: 824-3932.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickerman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided.

Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 284-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Main Street - Pastor Carol Stevens.

Sunday worship 9 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Sudbury Village, Apt. 15. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams.

Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School, FMI: 836-3533 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.

Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30-5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3- high school. FMI: 824-2037 or 836-3763.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. FMI: 824-3577.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 824-8939.

Church of the White Cloud Outreach Healing Ministry-Mail Blessings Study Course; phone requests prayerline, Rev. Paula Ewing 824-2782. Jesus is a Friend.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford

- Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singspiration third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Sunday services: 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist, 743-6782; e-mail christch@me.com.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigil Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June)

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OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special

holidays will be announced.

Stone church at the rotary.

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Philip Tracy. Saturday

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Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 986 Prospect Ave. Adult and

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First Baptist Church of Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church

Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church - Sunday services, 9 a.m., Sept. to June.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday

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School-11 a.m.; Word of

Life Youth 6 p.m.; Word

of Life Olympians (kids

club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday

Bible Study-7 p.m.; Ladies'

ministry, food pantry, third

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Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

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Bryant Pond Baptist

- Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship

10:30 a.m.; Evening Service

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Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)

- Hymn Sing, last Friday of

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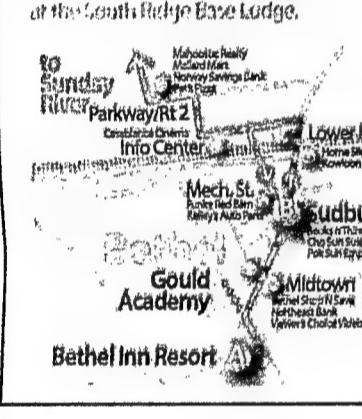
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Winter 2011-2012

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6:55	7:03	7:07	7:10	—	7:13	7:20	—	—	—	—	7:15
7:25	7:27	7:33	7:37	—	7:40	—	7:43	7:50	—	—	—
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9:20	9:22	9:28	9:32	—	9:35	—	9:38	9:45			

REAL ESTATE CONNECTION

Recent area real estate transactions

ANDOVER

Jeanne and Thomas Marcucci to Margaret A. Hartford of Bryant Pond, land at Map 5 Lot 55, Route 5, \$21,000. Oct. 5, 2011.

BETHEL

George and Julie Dow to Charles and Diane Dalton of Meadowlakes, Texas, land and building at 44 Balsam Road, \$195,000, Oct. 4, 2011.

James and Sharon Desimone to Chad and Megan Luce of Portsmouth, N.H., unspecified at 81 River Valley Acres, \$336,000, Oct. 4, 2011.

Charles Hardy to Amelia Purcell of Bethel, unspecified at 558 East Bethel Road, \$200,000, Oct. 4, 2011.

Grover Hill Holdings, LLC, to Matthew Hadfield of Middletown, R.I., land, 1.41 acre, at Grover Hill Road, No. 10 Sunrise Ridge, \$25,000, Oct. 7, 2011.

Grover Hill Holdings, LLC, to Eric and Ann Peterson of Hollis Center, Mass., land and building at Sunrise Ridge, Will's Wat, Lot 11, \$274,000, Oct. 14, 2011.

Debora Shorey and Bethany Williams to Anthony S. Frangipane of Paris, Maine, land and building at 1404 Intervale Road, \$147,000, Oct. 17, 2011.

Lawrence T.P. Stifler and Mary McFadden to Gena Schwam of Bethel, condominium, 135 Vernon Street, \$132,500, Oct. 17, 2011.

Gary H. and Julia Williamson to Kelly O. Newkirk, CPA, PC, of Bethel, land and building at 918 Walkers Mills Road, \$135,000, Oct. 24, 2011.

Interval Land, LLC, to Kathleen P. Leahy, land, 1.16 acres, Lot 1, River Glen Subdivision, \$18,000, Oct. 27, 2011.

Mary Valentine to Catharine M and Nicholas Cromwell of Bristol, R.R., land and building at 54 Chapman Street, \$100,000, Oct. 14, 2011.

GREENWOOD

New Forestry, LLC to T.R. Dillon Logging, Inc., Anson, land, Map 12, Lot 41, on Sheepskin Bog Road, 477,000, Oct. 11, 2011.

NEWRY

C. Donald Briggs III and Kelly Briggs to Shelly S. and Rene J. Gingras of Strafford, N.H., property at Map R01 Lot 014A, \$90,000, Sept. 30, 2011.

Steven E. and Jean C. Kanor to Susan Murphy of Milton, Mass., timeshare at 27 Grand Ave, \$2,600, Oct. 14, 2011.

Nancy H. Russell to William F. Schroeder and Fannie F. Tuttle of Wayland, Mass., timeshare at Jordan Grand, \$500, Jan. 20, 2011.

Nancy H. Russell to John J. Burke of Plymouth, Mass., timeshare at Summit, \$100, Jan. 20, 2011.

Nancy H. Russell to John J. and Cynthia J. Burke of Plymouth, Mass., timeshare at Jordan Grand, \$500.

Kevin C. and Mary F. Sweeney to Paul A. and Loriann M. Bosse of Auburn, condominium at 10 Brookside Drive, \$147,500, Oct. 7, 2011.

Winfield R. Kimball to Albert and Adrianna Bressette, land on Map R9, Lot 24, Bear River Road, \$2,000, Dec. 3, 2010.

WOODSTOCK

Kathleen Thurlow to Mark Thurlow of Bryant Pond, land and building at 84 Andrews Road, \$71,000, Sept. 29, 2011.

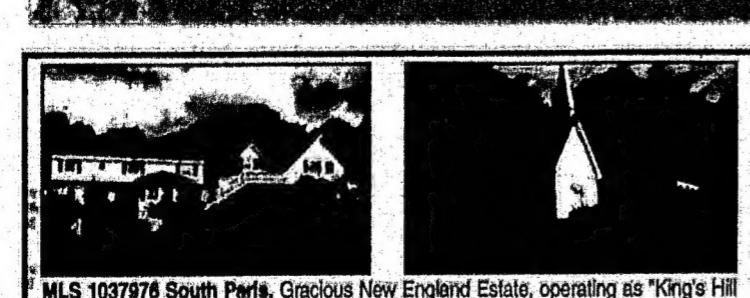
Alida Blood to 2SM2 Properties, LLC, of Dayton, Maine, land and building, 19 Route 2321, \$35,000, Oct. 7, 2011.

Lloyd Poland to Robert Donald McQueeney of Barrington, N.H., land, .77 acres, Lot 9, Cushman Road, \$22,900, Oct. 24, 2011.

About the listings:

The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive for several weeks after the purchase closing dates.

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How new home trends can apply to remodeling existing homes

(ARA) - A significant shift in consumer preference in new home purchases is the latest by-product of the still-struggling economy. The residential construction market is shrinking and so are houses.

Homebuilders expect newly constructed single-family homes to average just 2,150 square feet by 2015. That's 10 percent smaller than previously, according to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), which conducted the survey.

To maintain this compact size, luxuries will be out and practicality will be in. Formal living rooms are going by the wayside, NAHB says, making way for smarter, multi-function layouts. What we'll see more of: eat-in kitchens that eliminate the need for a separate dining room; and great rooms that can accommodate entertainment as well as office space.

Homeowners looking to remodel existing homes - that they will someday put up for sale - would be wise to pay attention to these new home construction trends, which signal what the competition will look like down the road. Choose the right improvements today, and you may be better positioned to sell your home when the economy picks up.

Keep the following tips in mind if you're thinking of investing in an addition or a significant remodel:

- * Choose your remodeler with care: Select a professional contractor with experience, knowledge of local codes and a good reputation for quality work, says the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI). NARI calls this the single most important step in your project.

- * Focus on tried-and-true performance: Remodel to your needs, of course. But before you finalize your decisions, research the improvements that will likely bring you the highest return on your investment. A minor kitchen remodel should return more than 70 percent of its cost at resale, according to the 2010-2011 Remodeling Magazine Cost vs. Value Report. Adding a bathroom pays back more than 53 percent.

- * Practicality makes perfect: During the latest housing boom, remodels were all about big and bold. Now there is less emphasis on luxury and appearances-for-appearances-sake. Take advantage of that trend with a focus on practicality in your remodeling project. You'll make your home more competitive at resale, and your dollars will stretch a lot further.

- * Multi-function = broader appeal: For today's busy families, efficiency is essential. Can you repurpose an existing room to make life easier? Add a laundry room to save going downstairs? Increase the size of your kitchen, so you can convert the dining room to a guest suite? If you're thinking of creating a family room in

the basement, complete the project with a convenient bathroom addition.

Tax credit and deduction tips for home improvement in 2012.



(ARA) - With the new year under way, you may be thinking about needed home improvements and how you'll use your credit to fund them. While it's important to understand your credit before making major home improvement decisions, you should also consider another kind of credit - tax credits for energy efficient home improvements.

For the past few years, the federal government has offered tax credits for certain home improvements aimed at increasing a home's energy efficiency. While the most popular and generous tax credits, such as the one that allowed you to claim up to 30 percent of improvements such as a new roof or hot water heater, have expired, you can still get credit for other significant energy-efficient improvements.

According to EnergyStar.gov, you can claim a tax credit for 30 percent of the cost of installing a geothermal heat pump, small wind turbine or solar energy system in your home. The credit has no upper limit and applies to both existing homes and new construction, but not to rental properties. This credit is good until Dec. 31, 2016.

You can also get a credit of up to 30 percent of the cost of residential fuel cells, up to \$500 per 5kW of power capacity, EnergyStar.gov says. This credit is also available until Dec. 31, 2016.

While the initial cost of these improvements may seem significant, they can dramatically decrease home energy bills in the long run.

Depending on the type of home improvement or repair you undertake, you may also be able to claim a deduction on your taxes. Before launching a significant home repair or improvement, it may pay to consult with your tax accountant to see what, if any, portion of the cost may be deductible. And, as you do home repairs throughout the year, keep receipts and discuss the improvements and possible deductions with your accountant when he or she is preparing your tax return.

Knowing ahead of time which, if any, tax credits or deductions your home improvement may qualify for can help you make a better decision about how to use credit to fund the work. Since how you use credit affects your overall credit score, knowing the cost of a project before starting it can help you better manage your credit.

If you're unsure how a home improvement project may affect your credit score, websites like freecreditscore.com can help you understand your credit. The site offers members a Credit Score Estimator that can help you understand how big financial decisions, like applying for a home improvement loan, may affect your credit score.

To learn more about tax credits for energy efficient home improvements, visit www.EnergyStar.gov. To learn more about tax deductions, visit www.IRS.gov. You can find a list of regional tax credits, rebates and savings at energy.gov/savings.

tub or shower up, rather than flowing down, as with conventional plumbing. This technology is also different from sewage ejection systems, which temporarily store plumbing waste in a nearby tank, which can cause odor problems. With up-flush plumbing, the waste is removed to the sewer line or the septic tank with every flush.

What could be more practical or efficient than an extra bathroom? This is one remodel project guaranteed to improve comfort and convenience in the near-term, while delivering a strong return on investment when your home is sold.

Dardy recently used Saniflo up-flush plumbing for a residential customer's remodel and is now incorporating Saniflo in bids for other jobs. "This saves a lot of time, and it's nice and neat," he says, noting that his bids for the up-flush plumbing are around \$5,000 less than their conventional counterparts, thanks to the ease of installation.

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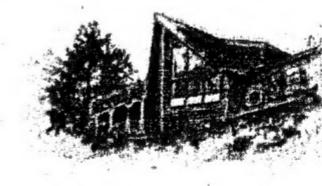
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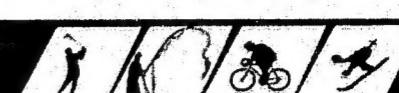
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Obituaries



ELIZABETH P. WHITMAN

Elizabeth Pauline Whitman, 84, of Bryant Pond, Maine, died peacefully Jan. 9, 2012 at the Maine Veterans' Home in South Paris with family and friends at her side.

She was born Dec. 14, 1927 in South Paris, the daughter of Lora (Porter) and Red Noyes. She pursued a nursing career and graduated from Central Maine General Hospital in 1947. She worked as a private nurse for several families in Bethel, Maine, and went on to work at Stephens Memorial Hospital and later at Miles Memorial Hospital in Damriscotta, Maine.

She married Gilman B. Whitman in 1949 at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church and together they worked tirelessly running the Whitman's Variety Store in Locke Mills. In 1953, she and Gil built and opened the Maine Wildlife Den on Route 26, Bryant Pond. There, her nursing skills turned to wildlife nursing skills and their kitchen always had a bear cub, skunk or other wildlife next to the stove.

Liz was a master gardener and loved tending the sculpture gardens at their Whitman Gallery in Edgecomb, Maine, for 40 years. They decided to return to Bryant Pond in 1997 and Liz worked her magic in her gardens at their home in town.

Liz was a member of the Eastern Star, an active member of Locke Mills Union Church and enjoyed seeing the many visitors and friends that would stop by to marvel and wander in her gardens.

Family members include her husband of 65 years, Gilman B. Whitman; her brother, Cy Noyes (deceased); sister-in-law, Tickie Noyes; nieces

and nephews, Deb Hays, Sandra Whitman, Cindy Simonds, Roy Noyes, Gerald B. Macaulay, William Macaulay; several grand nieces and nephews. She will be in our hearts forever. We love you.

Online condolences may be shared with the family online at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Family and friends may attend a memorial service Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the Locke Mills Union Church, 286 Main Street, Greenwood, with refreshments to follow. Flowers for the service or donations to the church are welcome.

ROBERT L. DAMM

Robert Louis Damm, 79, of West Paris, died Jan. 2, 2012 following a long illness.

Robert was born April 12, 1932, in Toledo, Ohio, the son of Emil and Wilhelmina Damm. He married Shirley Stahl in 1953. He enlisted in the Army and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was educated in Ohio, and a graduate of the Ohio State University.

The bulk of his career was spent as an historian/administrator/educator at Ohio Historical Society, Mystic Seaport, Idaho Historical Society, Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, and Gould Academy.

He was the first director of the new Maine State Museum in Augusta, where he served until 1977. He and Shirley purchased the old John McKeen orchard (1979 to 2006). In 1984, he designed and renovated the building which houses Hungry Hollow Country Store.

Robert was also a skilled craftsman and furniture maker, and an avid reader. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and hunting in the Baxter and Rangeley areas and he loved his sheepdogs.

Survivors include his daughter, Brenda Damm of Middleburgh, N.Y.; sons, Brett and his wife Susan of Oquossoc and Bradley of Bethel; grandchildren, Nathaniel and Ezra Damm and Andrea Way; his former wife, Shirley; his sister, Alice Kuhman, and sister-in-law, Dorothy Damm.

both of Toledo; and nieces and nephews.

You are invited to share your thoughts, condolences and fond memories at www.chandlerfunerals.com

Robert's life will be commemorated in the spring at the family plot in Toledo, Ohio.

LOGAN D. DAM

Logan D. Dam, 19, of West Paris died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012.

He was born in Norway, April 27, 1992, the son of Douglas Dam and Deborah Ann Sande. He attended Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School and had been employed at Sunday River and Camp Wigwam as a chef and line cook.

He loved music, cooking, his mother and father, and his extended family. He enjoyed chilling with his friends, motorcycling, skiing and snowmobiling.

He is survived by his mother and his father; his grandmother, Janet Schatz; uncle, Lenny Sande; aunt, Donna and Andrew Masselli; uncle, Butch Sande; aunt, Sue and Michael Haney; aunt, Laura and Jason Turner; aunt, Sondra and Guy Prestia; a very dear member of Logan's life, P.K. Edwards; cousins, Joey Sande and his daughter, Lillian, Andrew and Anthony Masselli and Barbara and Carol Sande; many other cousins; aunt, Sandy and cousin, Jesse; and a very special friend, Ashley Lawrence.

He was predeceased by his grandfather, Buckley Dam; uncle, Bob Sande; cousins, David Dam, John Haney and Joshua Sande; uncle, Richard Sande; and grandparents, Ruth and Leonard Sande.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com. At the request of his family there will be no services at this time.

REBECCA LYNN MASON

Rebecca Lynn Mason, 16, of West Paris, passed away suddenly and tragically Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 in West Paris.

She was born July 2, 1995, the perfect anniversary gift to her mom and dad, Tracie and Jerrold Mason. She will be sorely and sadly missed by all who were touched by her short, but well-lived, full life. Especially by her family whose hearts have been rent by a loss never to be filled in this life. Her 16 years were but the blink of an eye to those who loved her best, but she will forever live on through our memories.

Rebecca was a beautiful, vivacious, smart, generous, loving and kind young lady whose gifts and talents had only begun to be explored. She was an avid outdoorsman, a hunter who set the bar high for family and friends. She will be missed by many who shared these wonderful hours in the woods with her, but most especially by her dad and beloved brother, Lyndon. These bonds forged in nature will never be broken.

Her love, talent and natural abilities at sports was, well, just amazing. Recently she was focused on and loved field hockey. The ease and enthusiastic way in which she played sports was a sight to see. Many victories and defeats were enjoyed and are cherished by her mom, dad and brother.

Becca was never one to let any grass grow under her feet, or her wheeler's tires.

She seemed to be always on the go. You would see her many times through the day, but very seldom in the same spot for very long. One special place she always found time for was the home of her grandparents, Goldie and Jim, "Ma" and "Pa." In recent years and days, Becca was a much loved and appreciated friend, companion, and helper to her "pa" since the decease of dear

"ma," at whose side Rebecca will rest until Christ's return.

Rebecca's large family of special grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, though great in number and spread far and wide were never so numerous or far away that they couldn't be enclosed in her loving embrace or bottomless heart. Her love for mom, Tracie and dad, Jerrold as great as it was stood overshadowed only by her endless admiration, awe, and abounding love for her friend, mentor and brother, Lyndon. Her interests were many, but there is one in particular that can't be overlooked when we talk of Becca — animals, domestic and wild. Her deer and turkeys were always well-fed. Frogs, bunnies, hamsters, chickens, birds, puppies and her beloved wheeler riding goat, Skipper. The list seems endless and those involved remember well.

Rebecca's life was like a shooting star, beautiful and bright traveling across the sky for all to see, full of potential and energy, but ending much too soon. She touched so many hearts, and left behind fond memories to be cherished forever. Those of us who loved and knew her, family and friends, anyone touched in some small way by Becca, "Let us all live a little better; try a little harder; and love a little more." These are the things Rebecca Lynn Mason would have added to our world. Becca, we love and miss you. We are forever di-

minished by your loss.

Becca is survived by her parents, Jerrold and Tracie Mason, and brother, Lyndon, all of West Paris; maternal grandparents, Sam and Monda Fahsholtz of Corrales, N.M.; aunt and uncle, Kristi and Robert Hurd; first cousins, Alan, Christopher Hurd, Kiley Hurd and daughter, Brooklyn, of Rio Rancho, N.M.; uncle and aunt, Devon and Pam Carr; first cousins, Danielle and Brianna Carr of Rio Rancho, N.M.; uncle and aunt, Andy and Naomi Fahsholtz of Chattanooga, Tenn.; uncle, Josh Groves of Albuquerque, N.M.; aunt, Hyla Fahsholtz, and cousin, Connor Kisti; fraternal grandfather, James Mason Sr.; uncle and aunt, Jim Jr. and Pam Mason; first cousins, James III and son, Jamie, Bryce and Tia Mason; uncle and aunt, Roni and Jeanne Grover; first cousins, Roni Jr., Naomi and their children, Kael and Quillen Grover, Kiran Starr, Rachel and Raquel Grover, all of West Paris.

Becca was predeceased by her grandmother, "Ma" Marigold "Goldie" Thurlow Mason; one aunt, Baby Girl Mason; and first cousins, Talia and Tiana Mason.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 12, 10 a.m. at the Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church with interment to follow at Wayside Cemetery in West Paris.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Walk, 2012 ATTN: Susan Crandall (Rebecca Mason Memorial Fund).

I wish to thank my family and friends for the beautiful cards, gifts and telephone calls I received on my 102nd birthday. They were greatly appreciated and helped to make "my day" the pleasant one it was.

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Bethel Youth Basketball for elementary school age children starts January 14th at Crescent Park School. The program will run every Saturday for eight weeks, with two weeks of practice followed by four weeks of games, ending the season with a two week tournament. Sign-ups will be on Saturday, January 14th at Crescent Park School. Cost is \$15.00 per child if Bethel resident or \$20.00 for non-residents. There are three different groups with these times. Please come when it's your child's time.

K-1 graders from 9-10
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